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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!



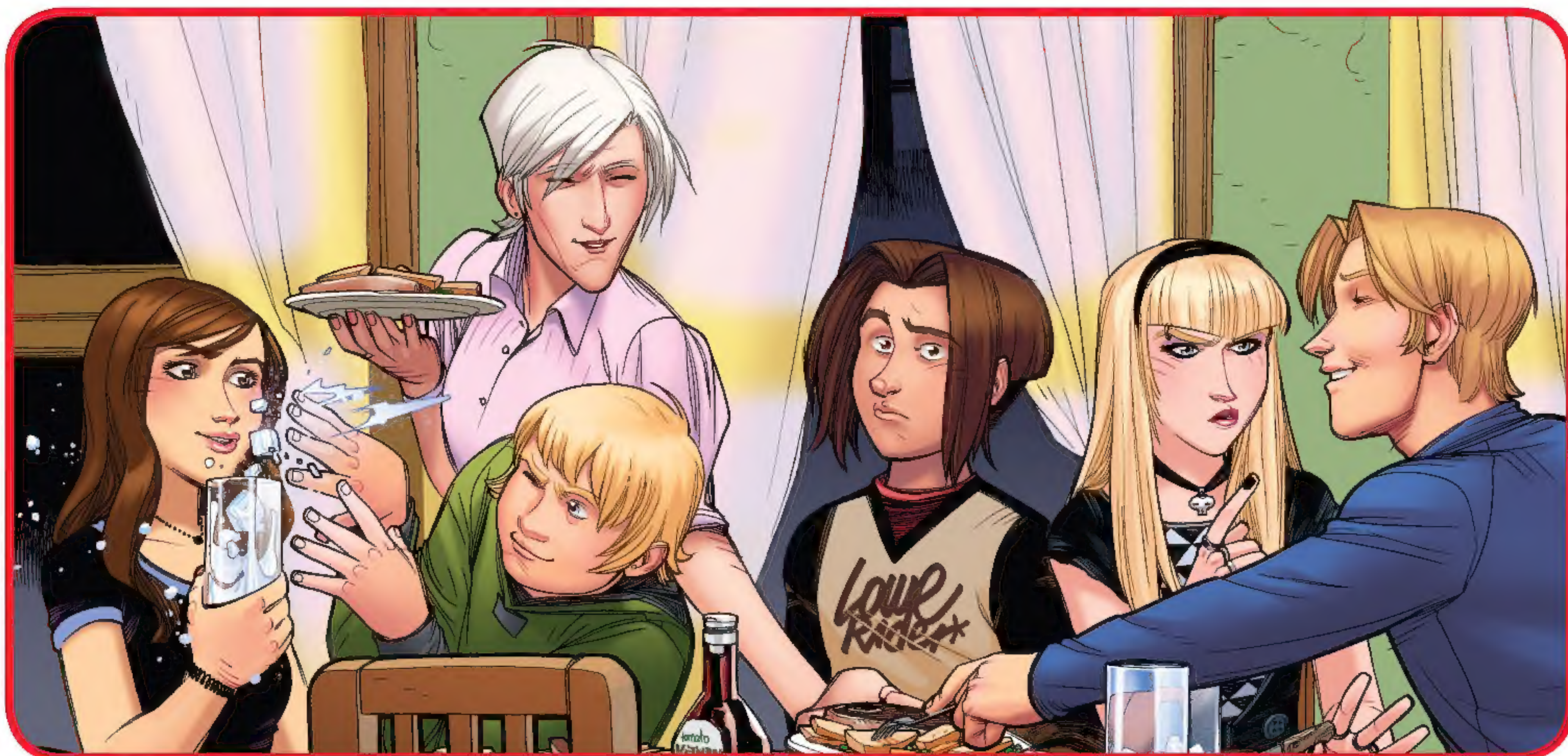
PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN:

SIX MONTHS AGO...

The Ultimatum Wave has destroyed New York City. With no warning a massive tidal wave crashed down on the island of Manhattan killing millions of people in the blink of an eye. Many of the world's iconic heroes died in the tragedy. It has been revealed the wave was a terrorist attack by the mutant Magneto.

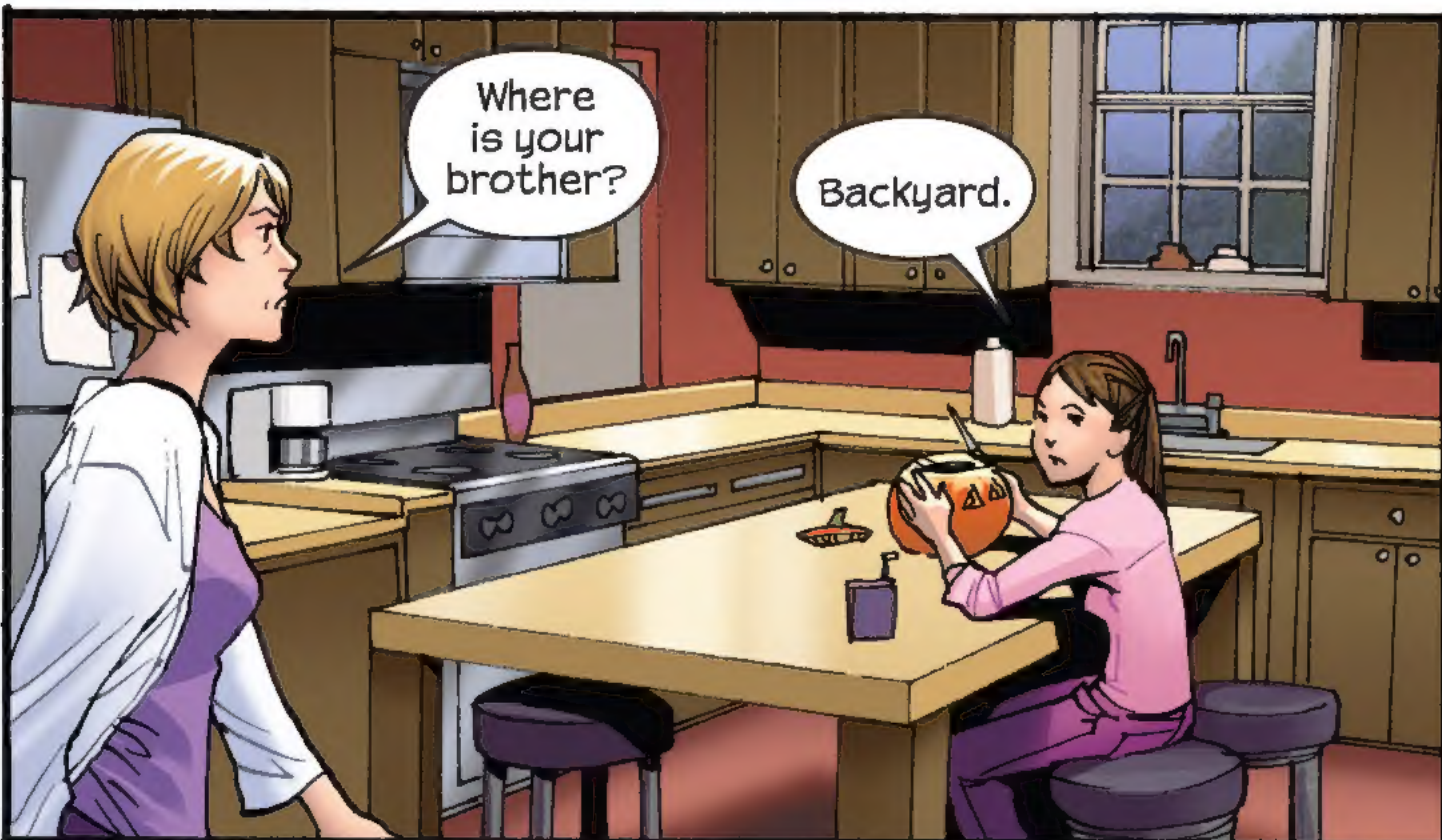
Today! Peter is dating Gwen Stacy instead of Mary Jane and working at a mall food court instead of the now defunct Daily Bugle. Mutants are outlawed, and Mysterio is gunning for Spider-Man.

On the home front, Johnny Storm, a.k.a. the Human Torch, appeared at Peter's doorstep and Aunt May agreed to let Johnny stay with them. At the same time, Bobby Drake, a.k.a. former X-Man Iceman, was kicked out of his own family and turned to his friend Kitty Pryde for help. She brought him to Aunt May, and to Peter's surprise, Aunt May agreed to take care of Bobby too.

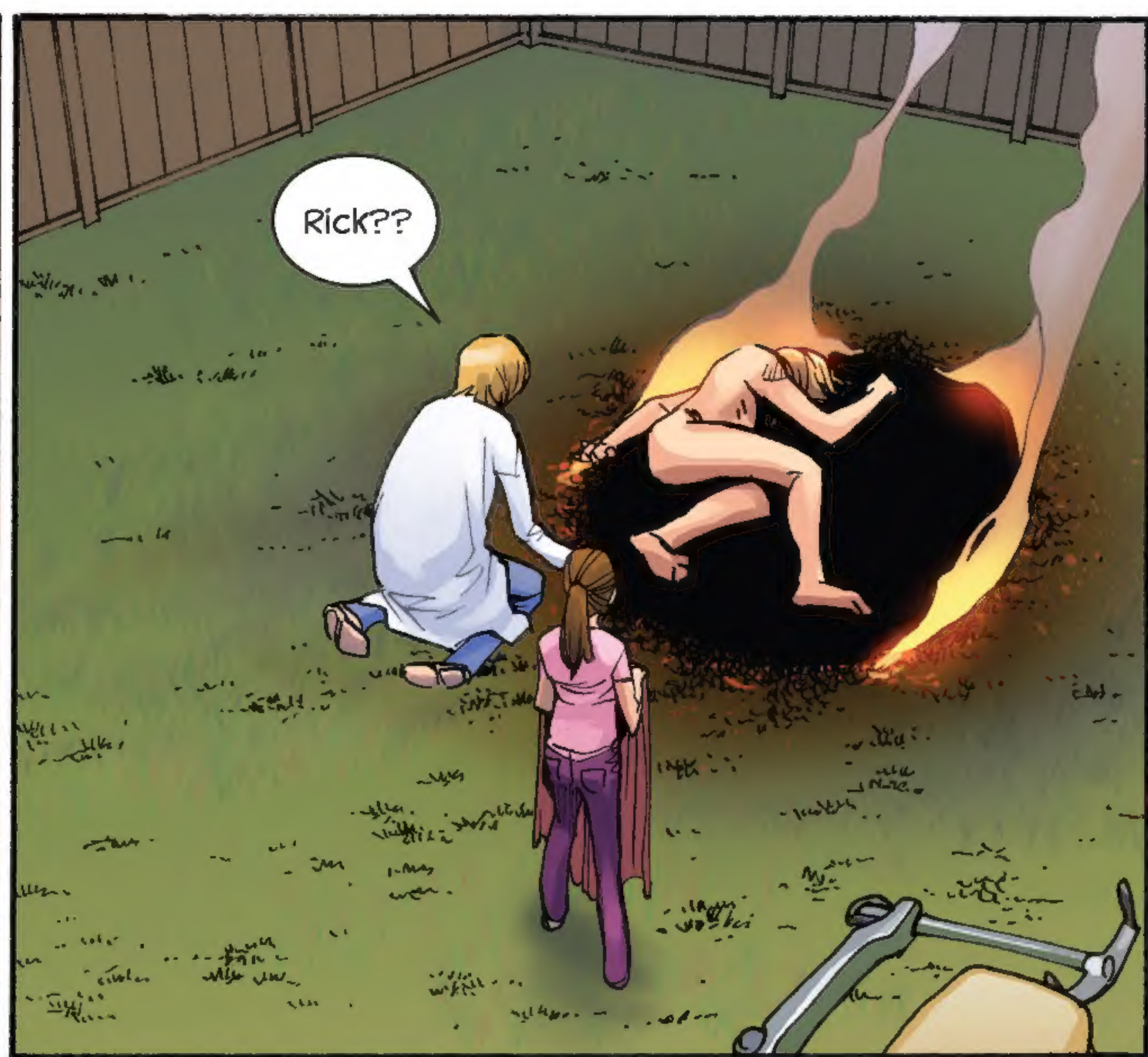
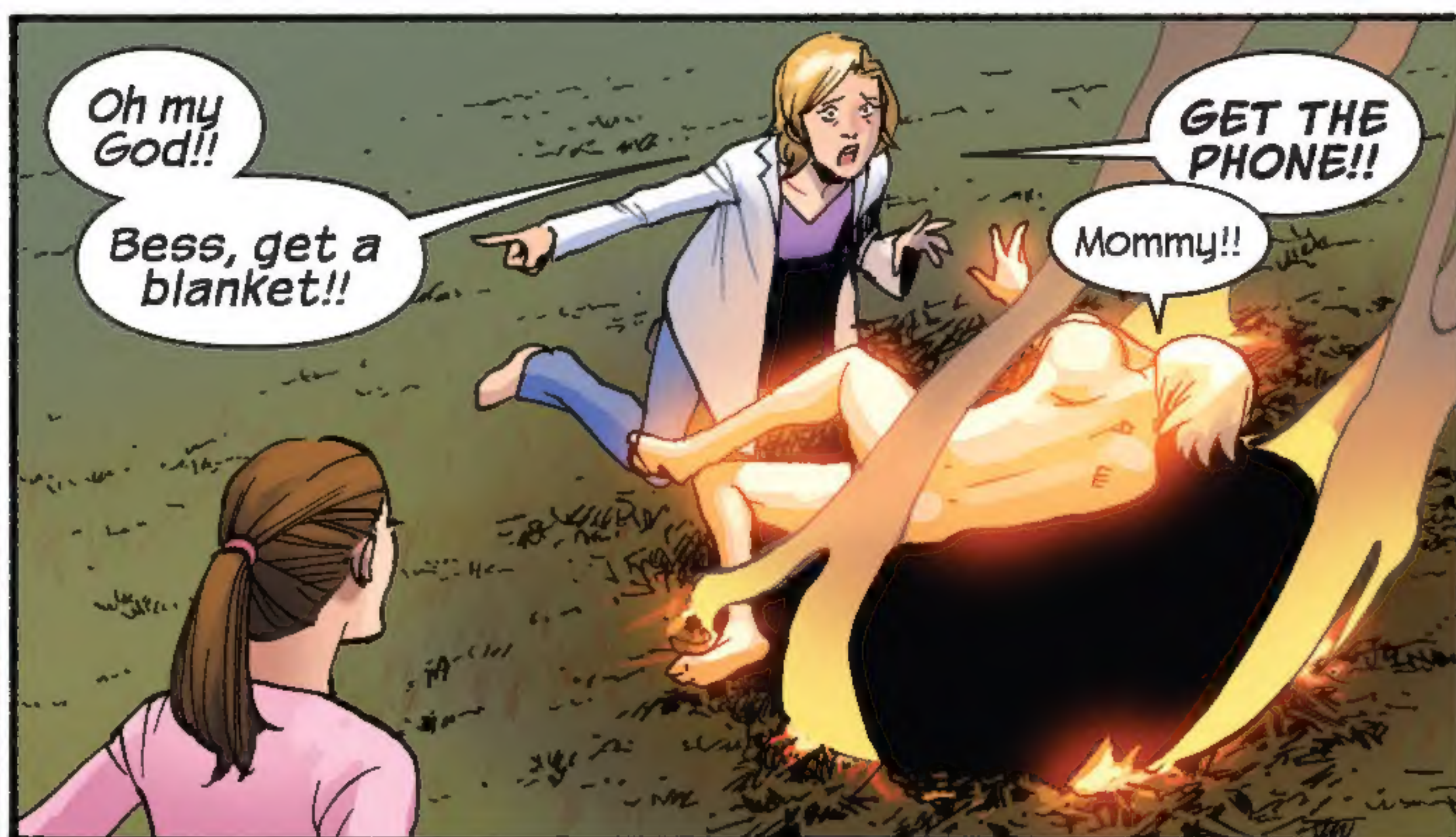


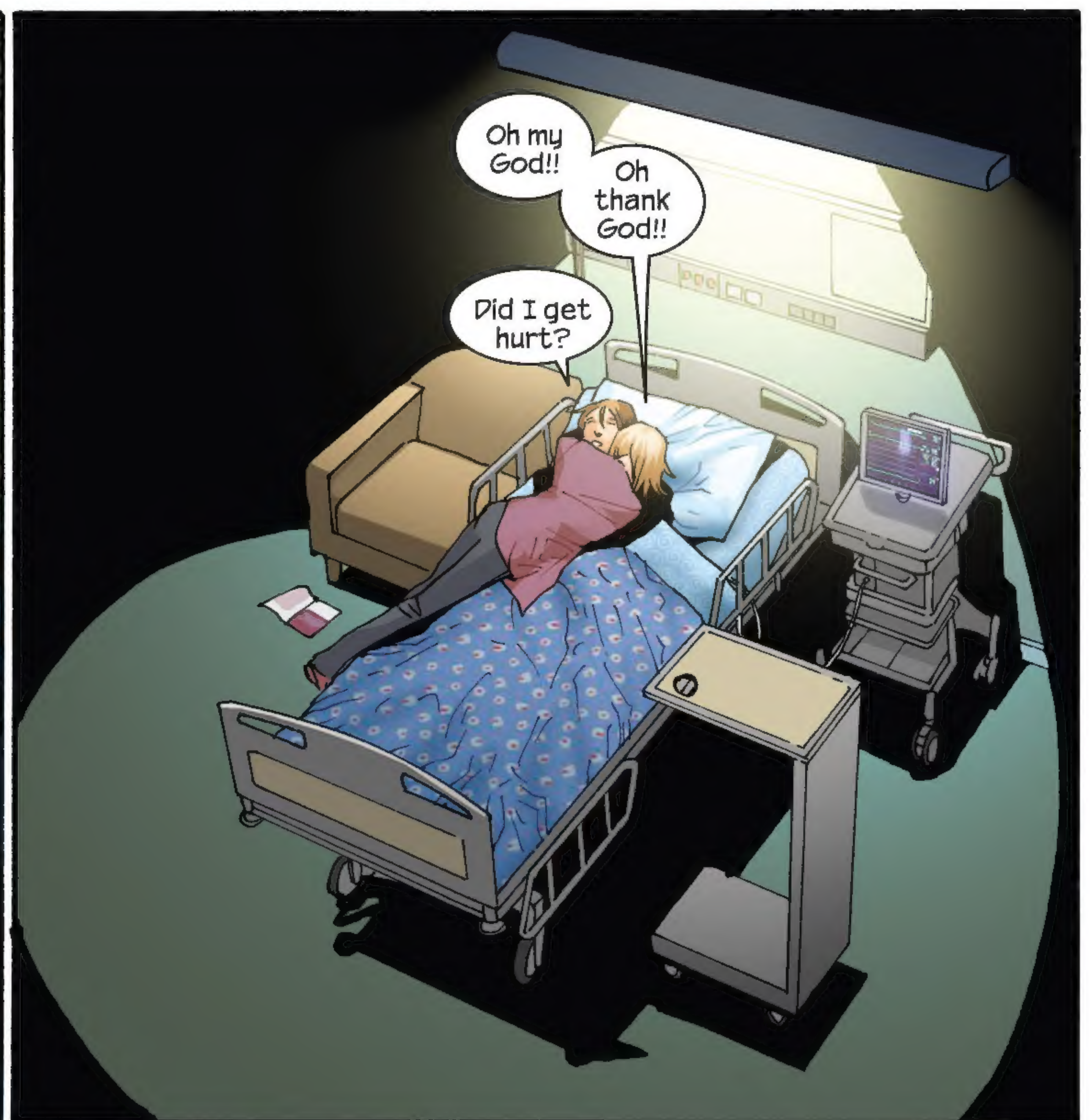
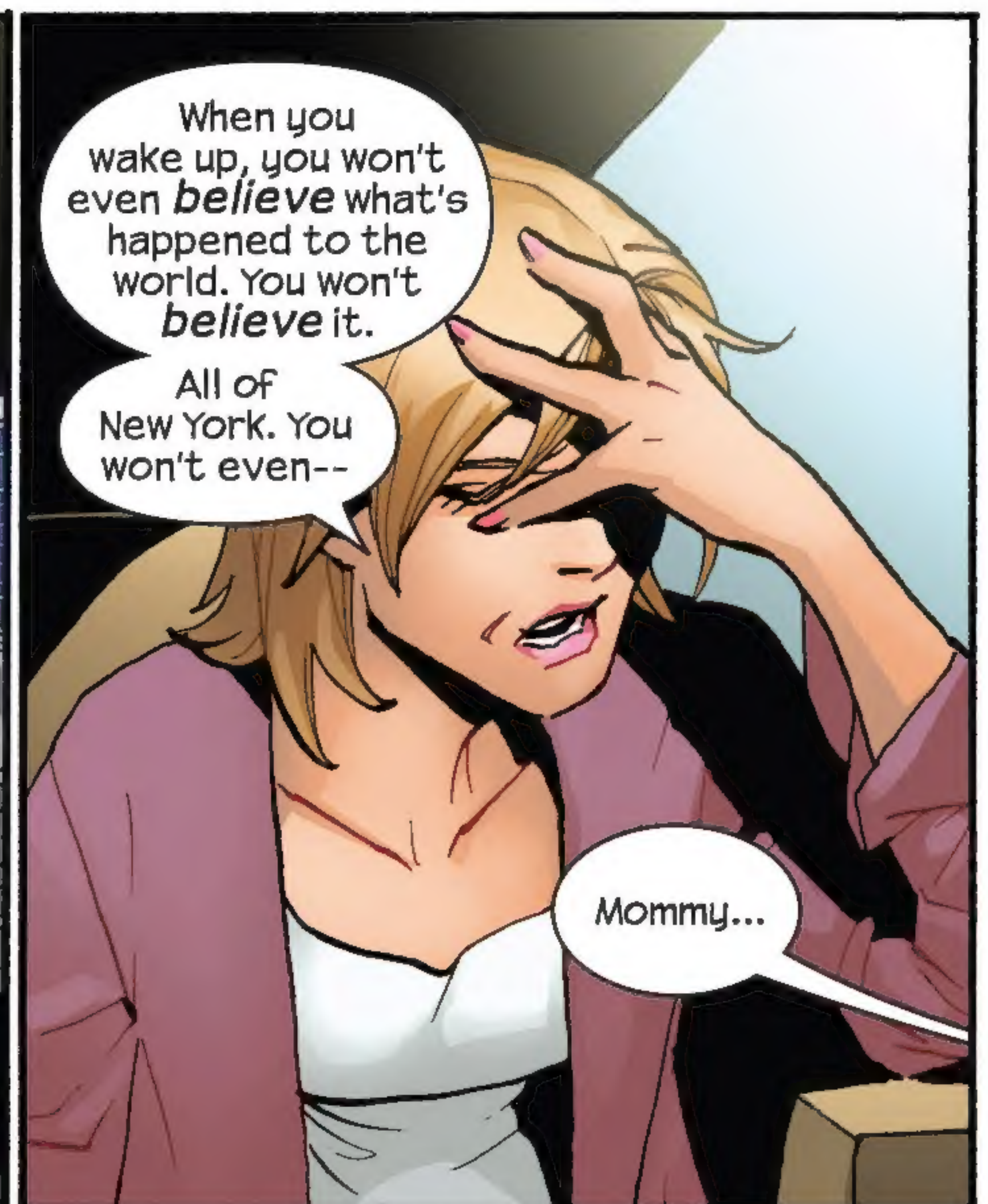
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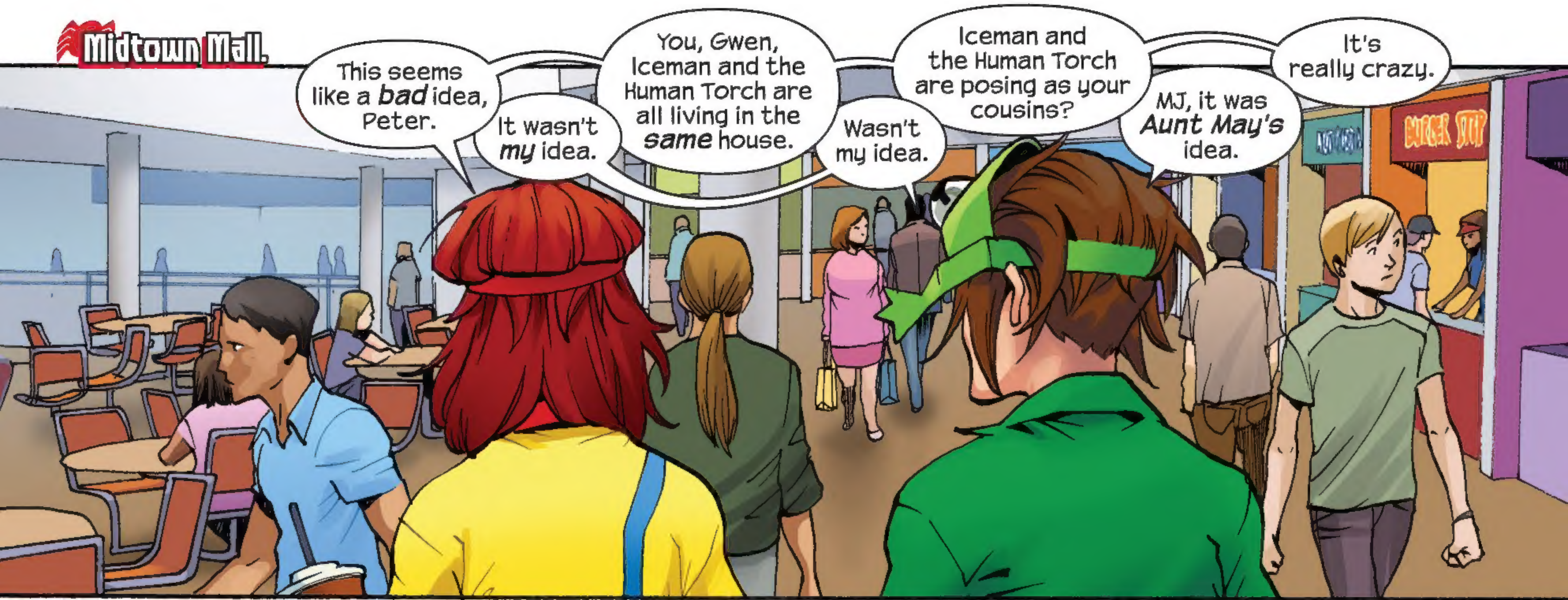
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This seems like a *bad* idea, Peter.

It wasn't *my* idea.

You, Gwen, Iceman and the Human Torch are all living in the *same* house.

Wasn't my idea.

Iceman and the Human Torch are posing as your cousins?

MJ, it was *Aunt May's* idea.

It's really crazy.



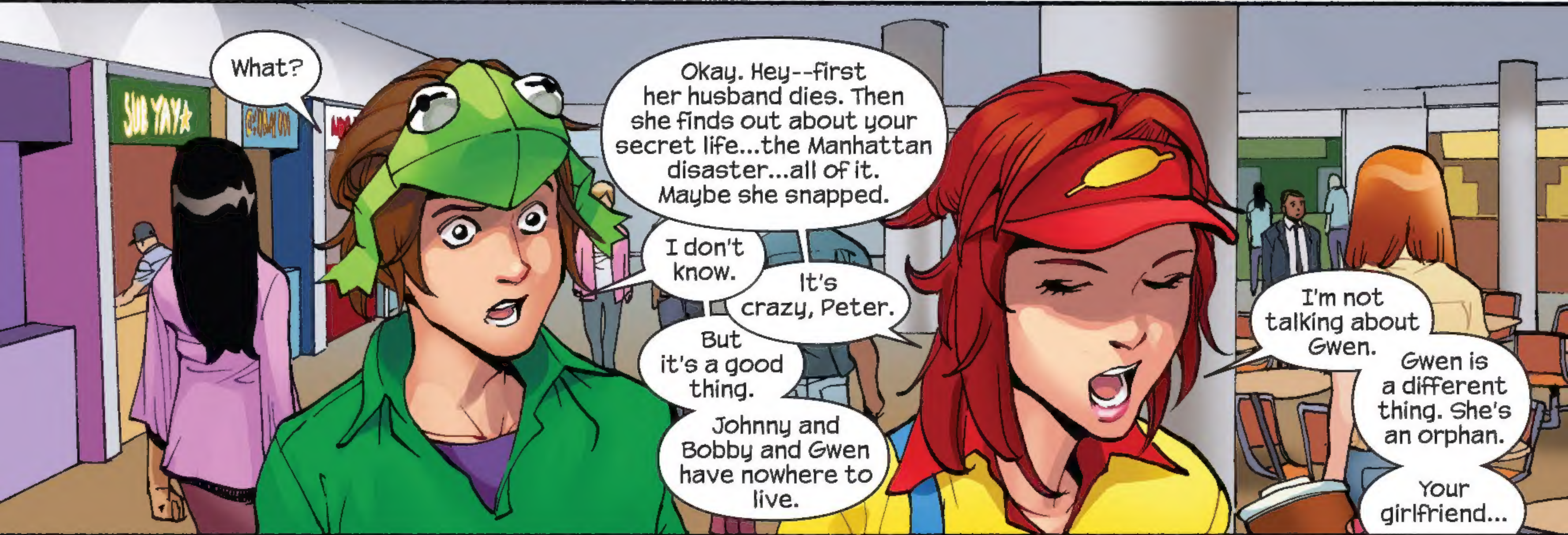
And I gotta tell ya, Aunt May has never seemed happier in her whole life.

Honestly.

You should see her. She looks ten years younger.

She's bouncing around the house like a-- like a--

Maybe she had a nervous breakdown.



What?

Okay. Hey--first her husband dies. Then she finds out about your secret life...the Manhattan disaster...all of it. Maybe she snapped.

I don't know.

It's crazy, Peter.

But it's a good thing.

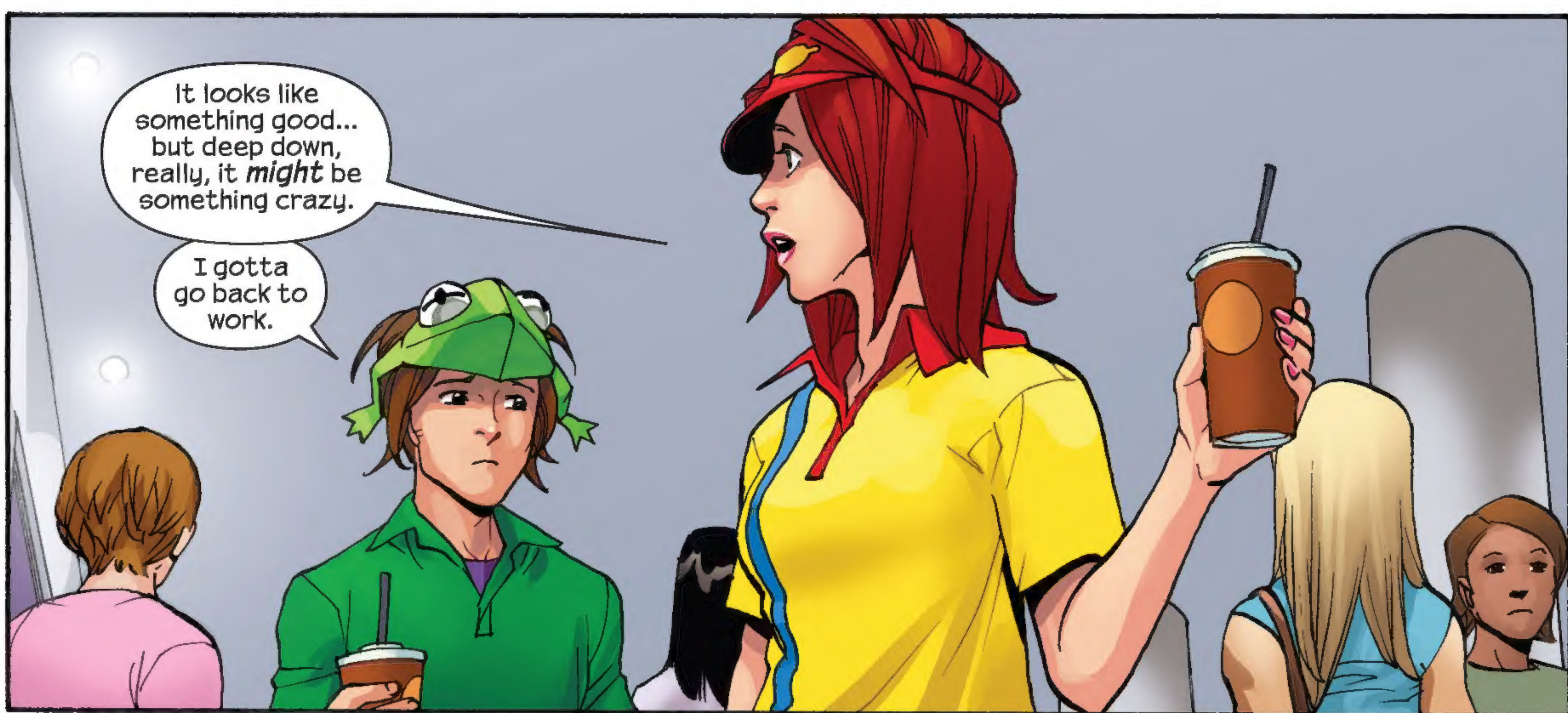
Johnny and Bobby and Gwen have nowhere to live.

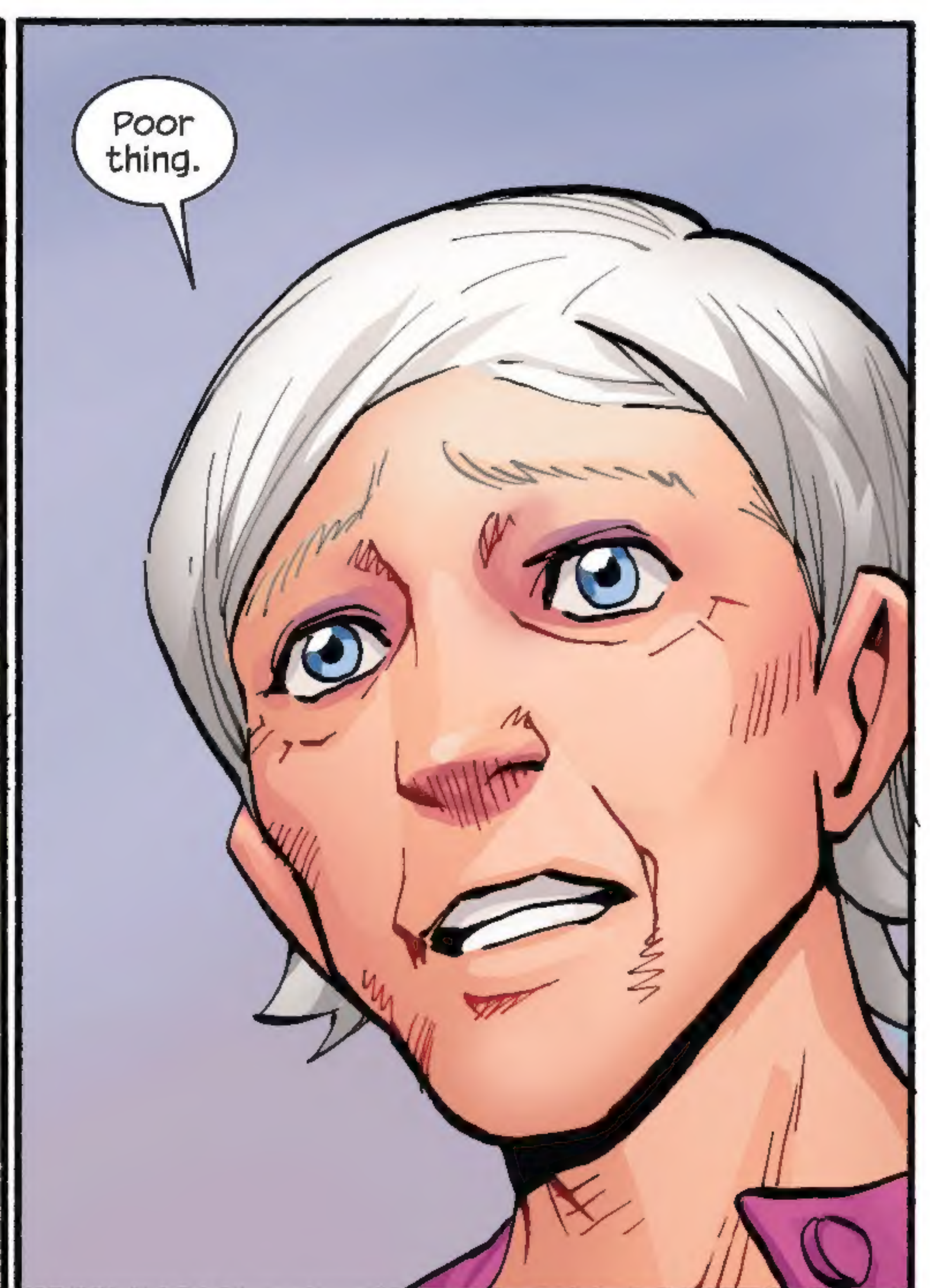
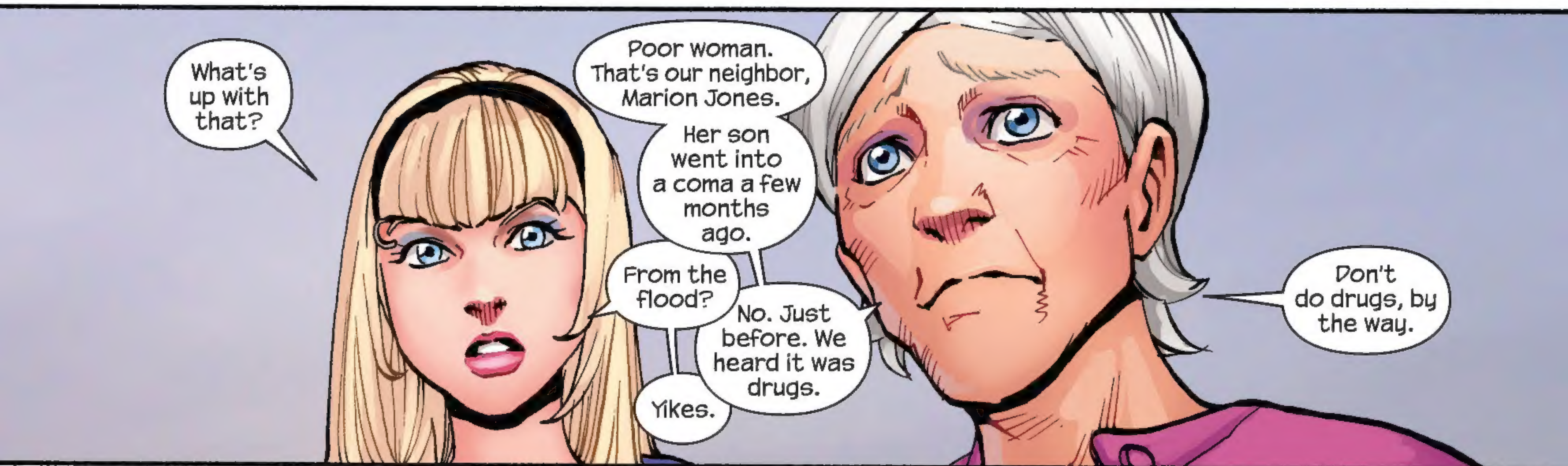
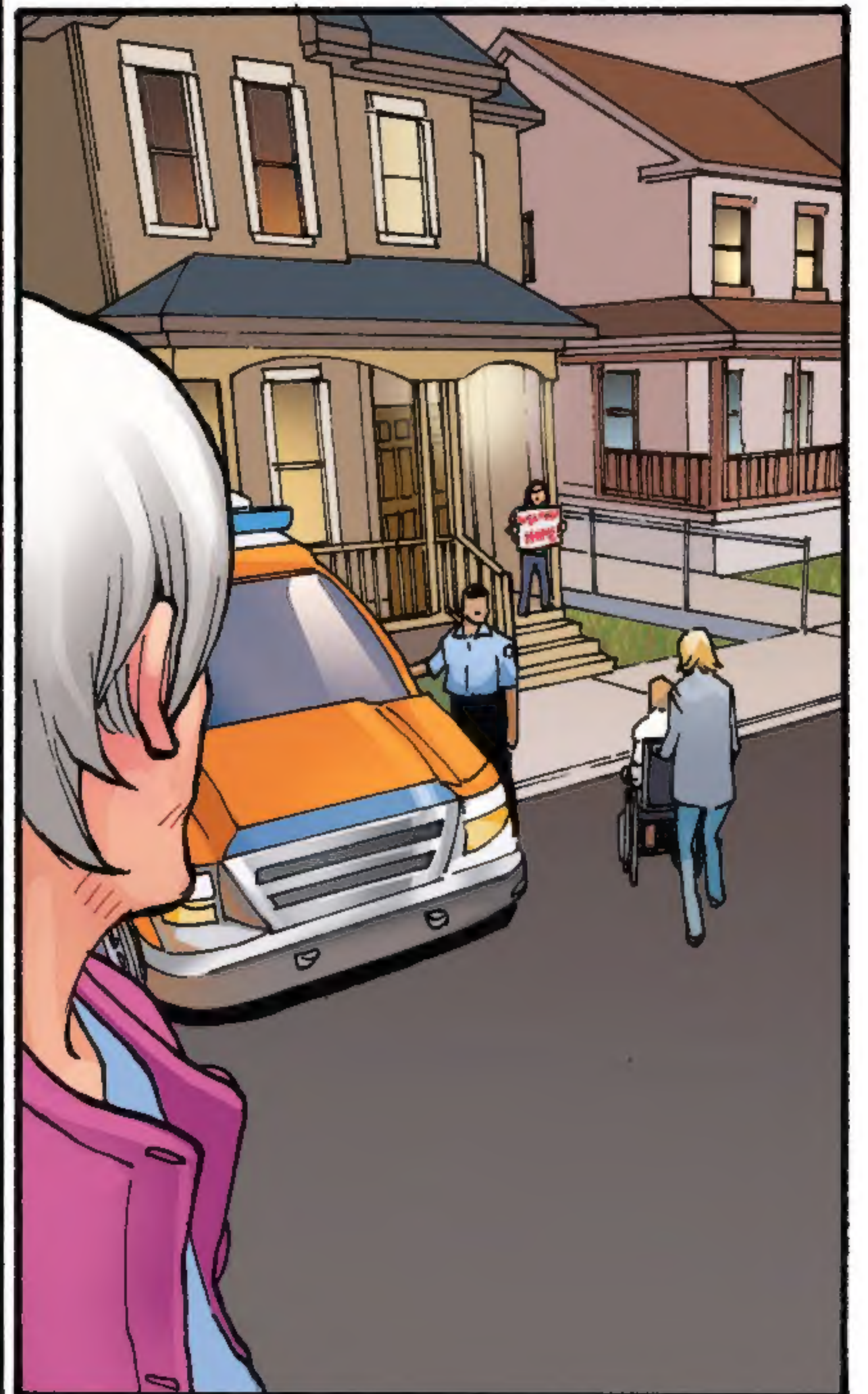
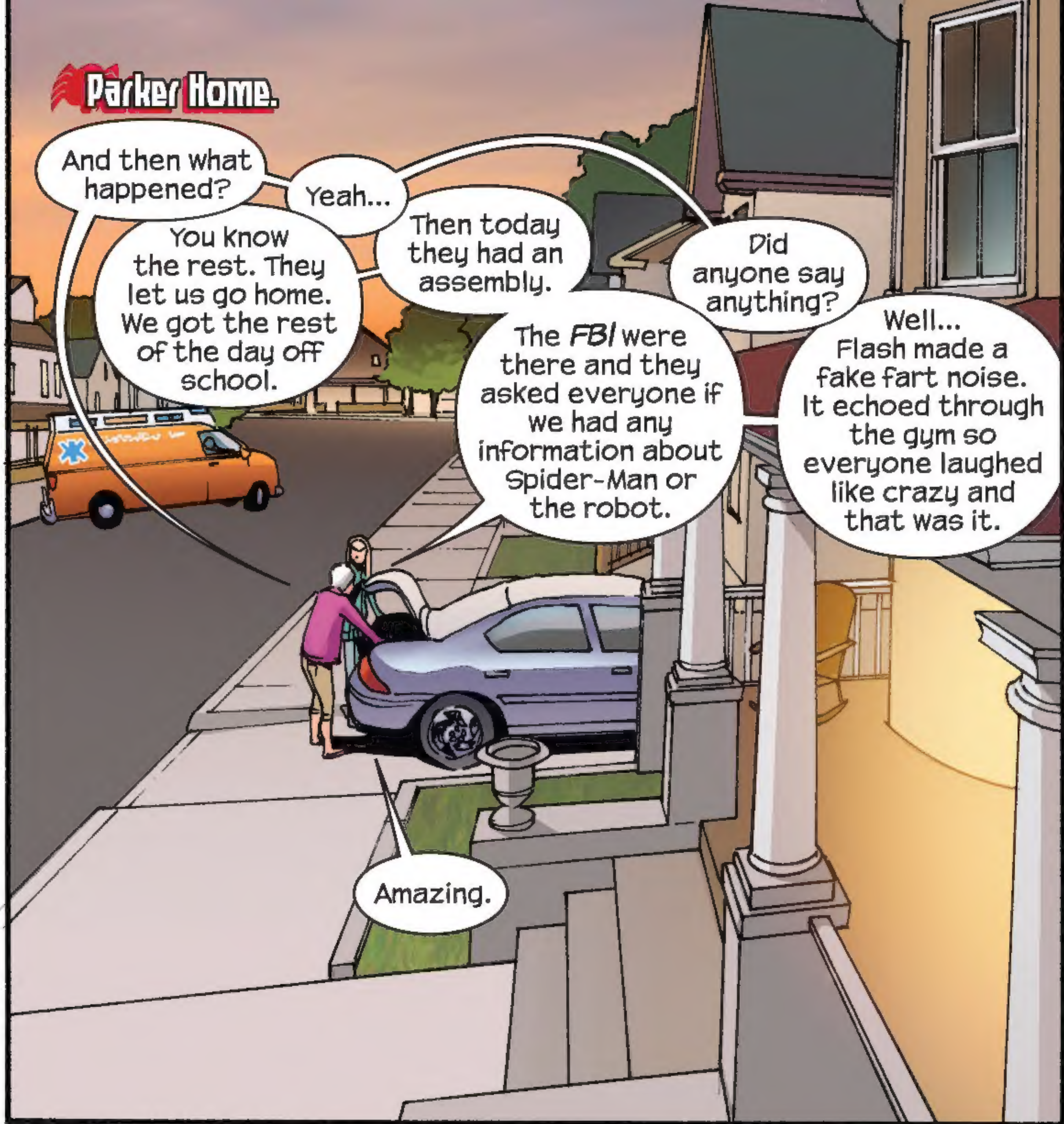
I'm not talking about Gwen.

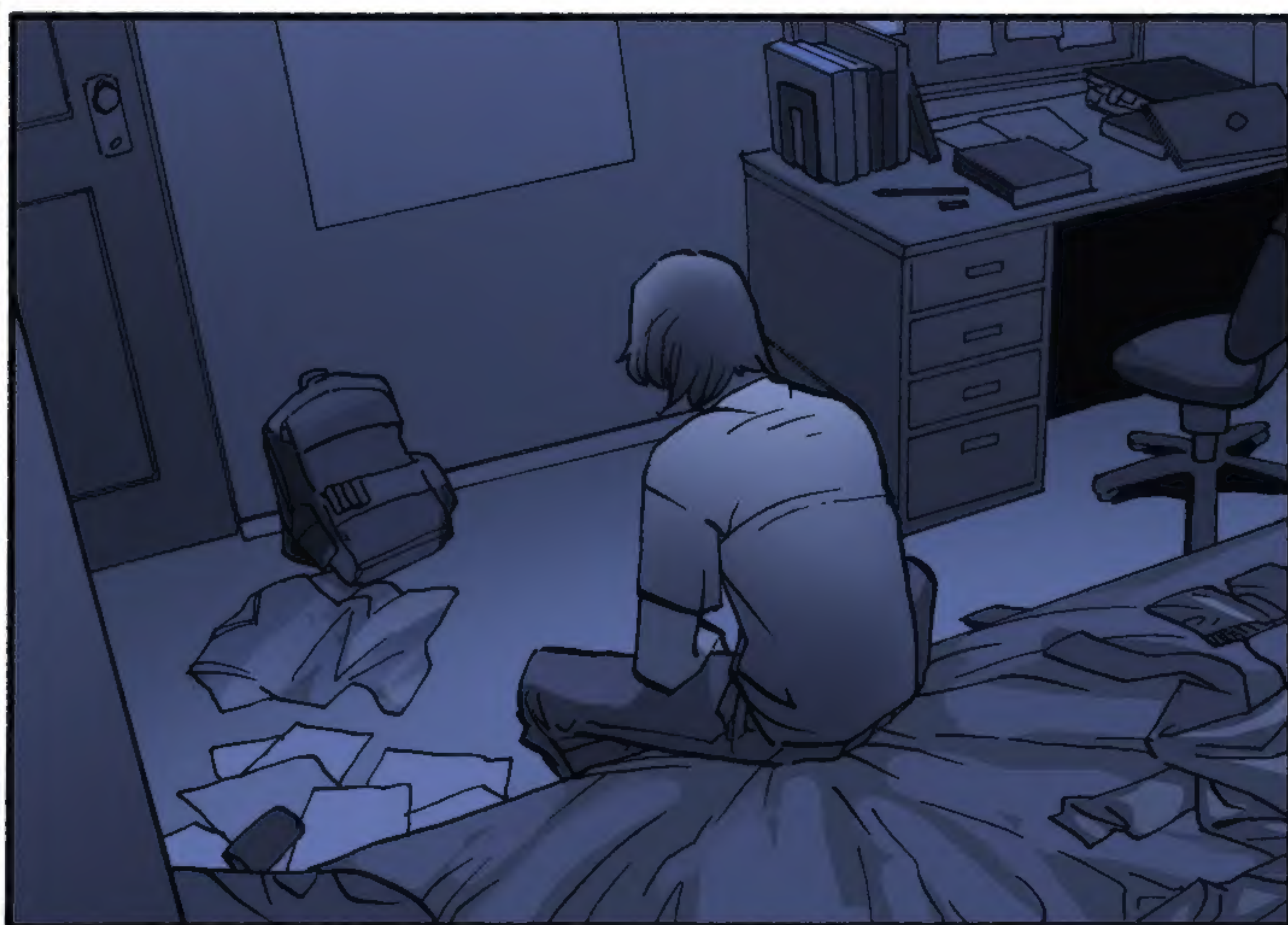
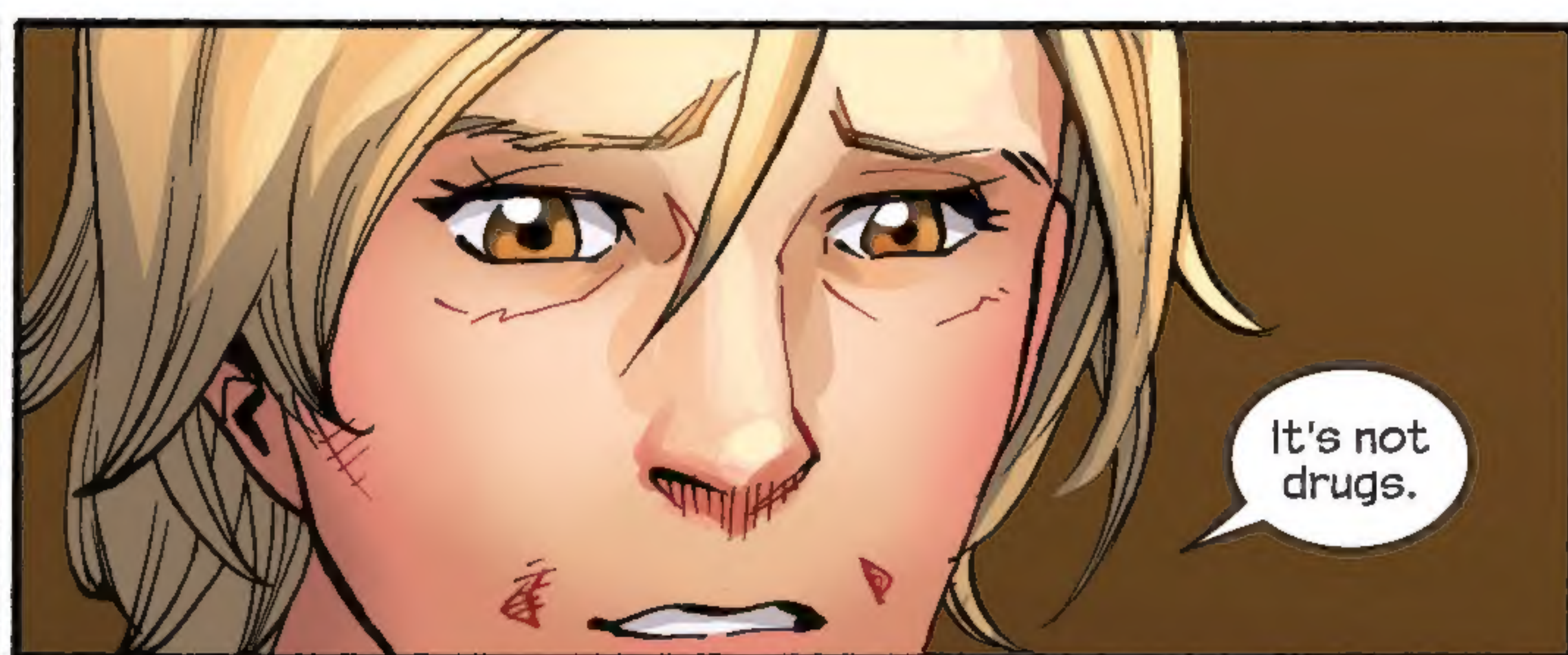
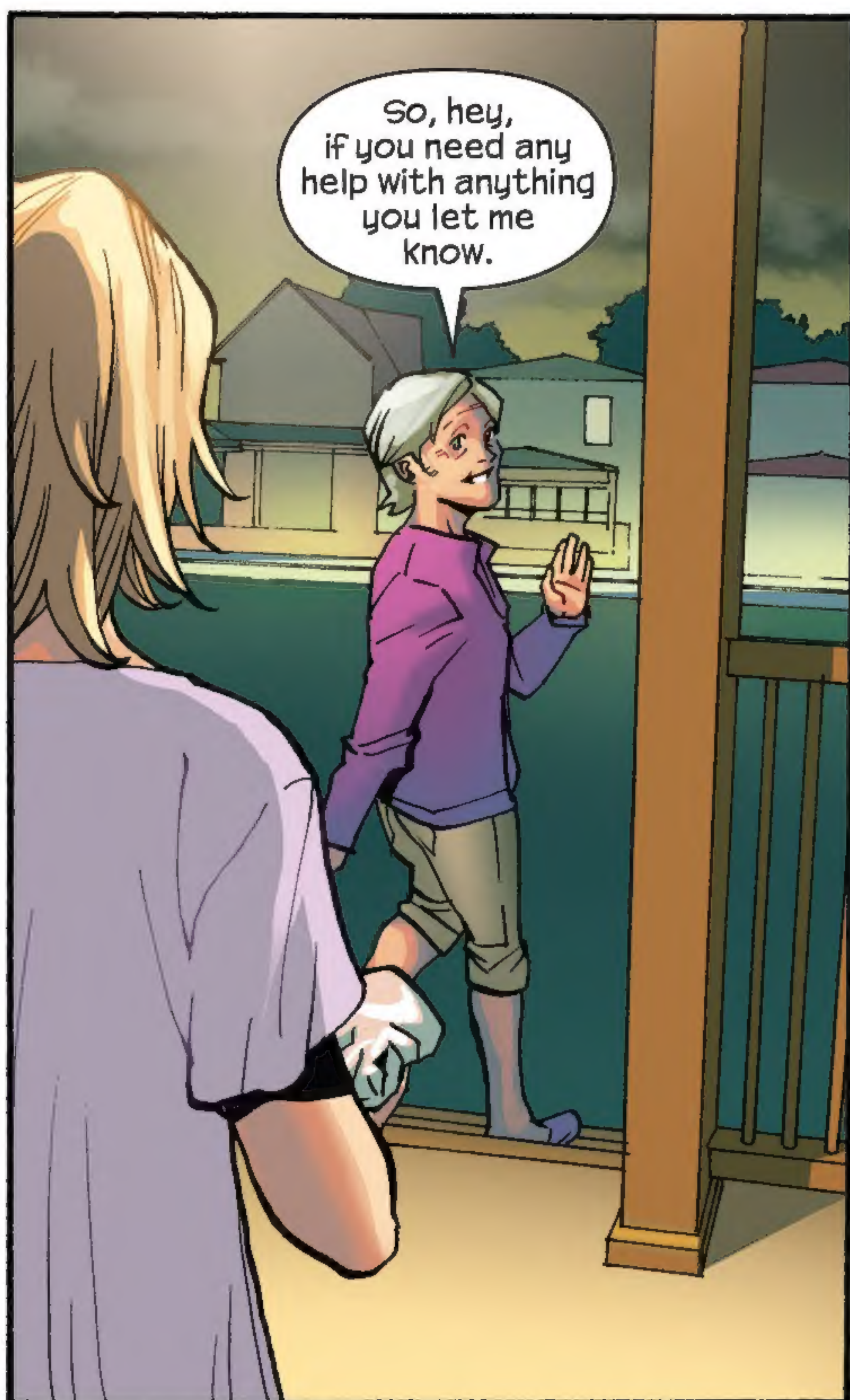
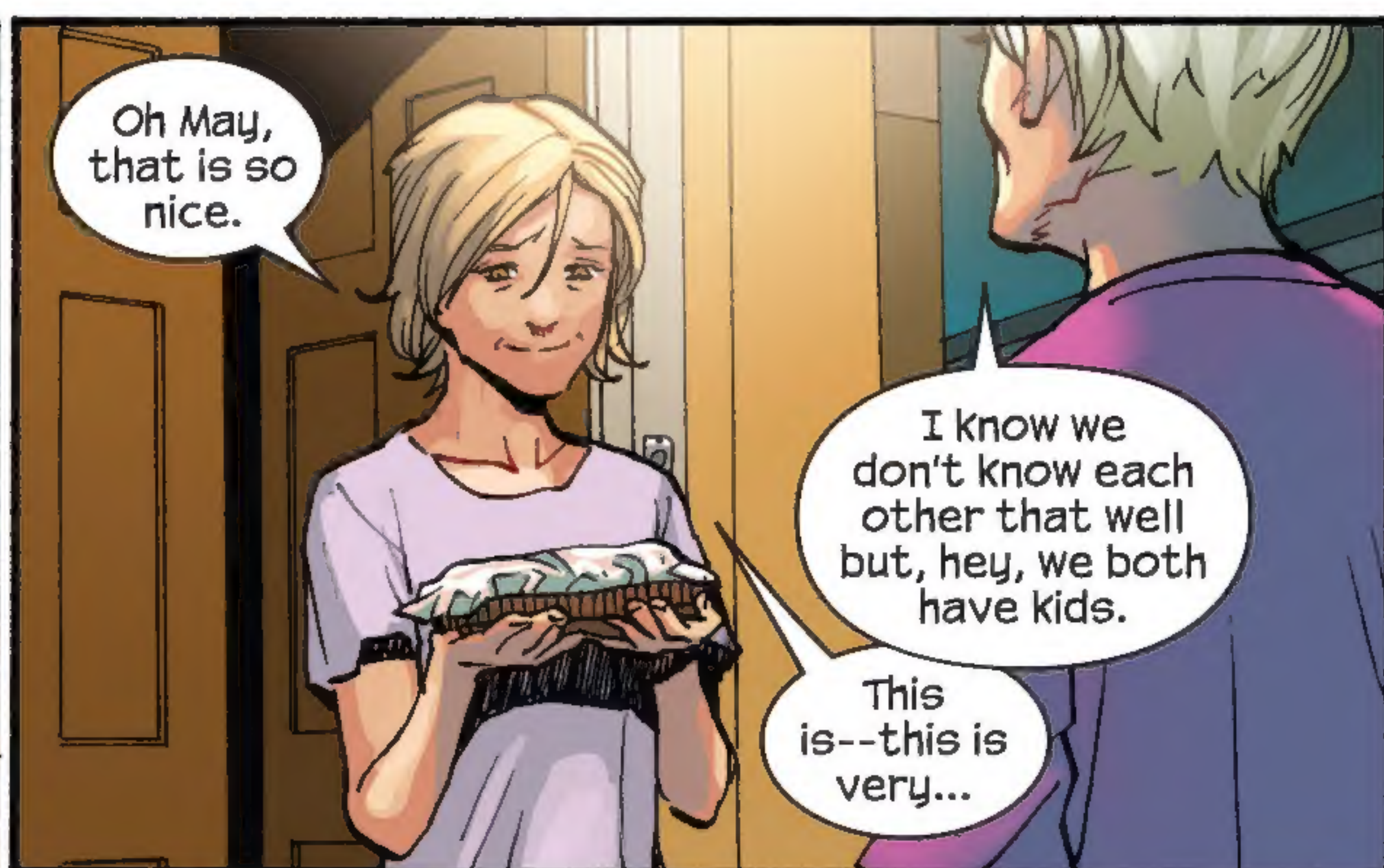
Gwen is a different thing. She's an orphan.

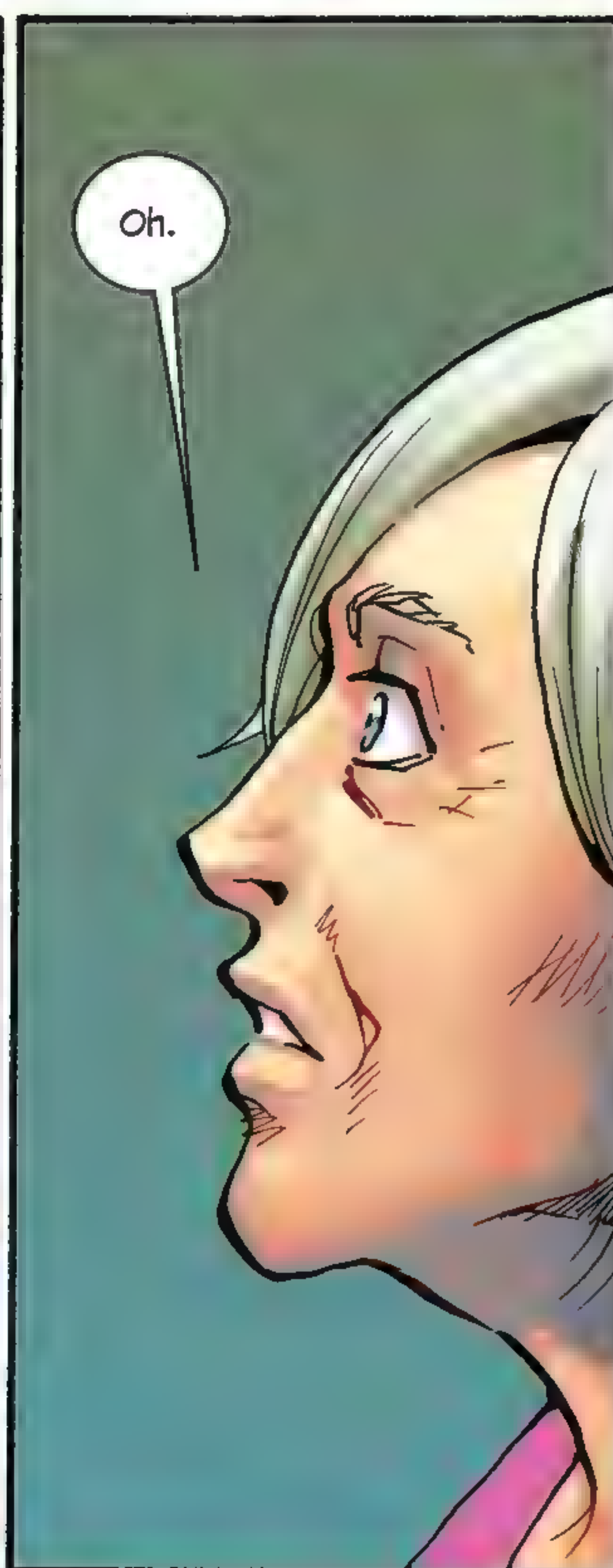
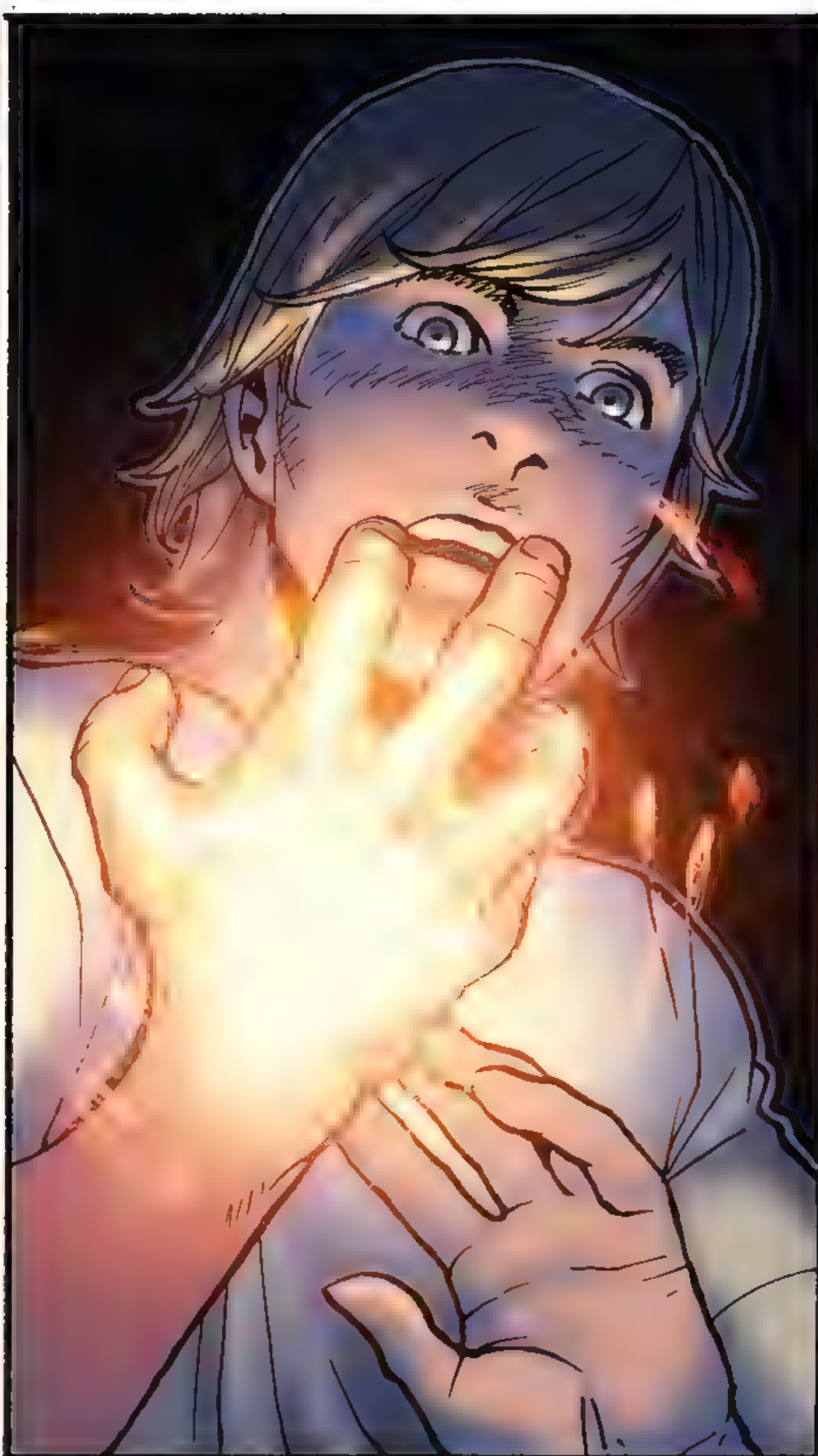
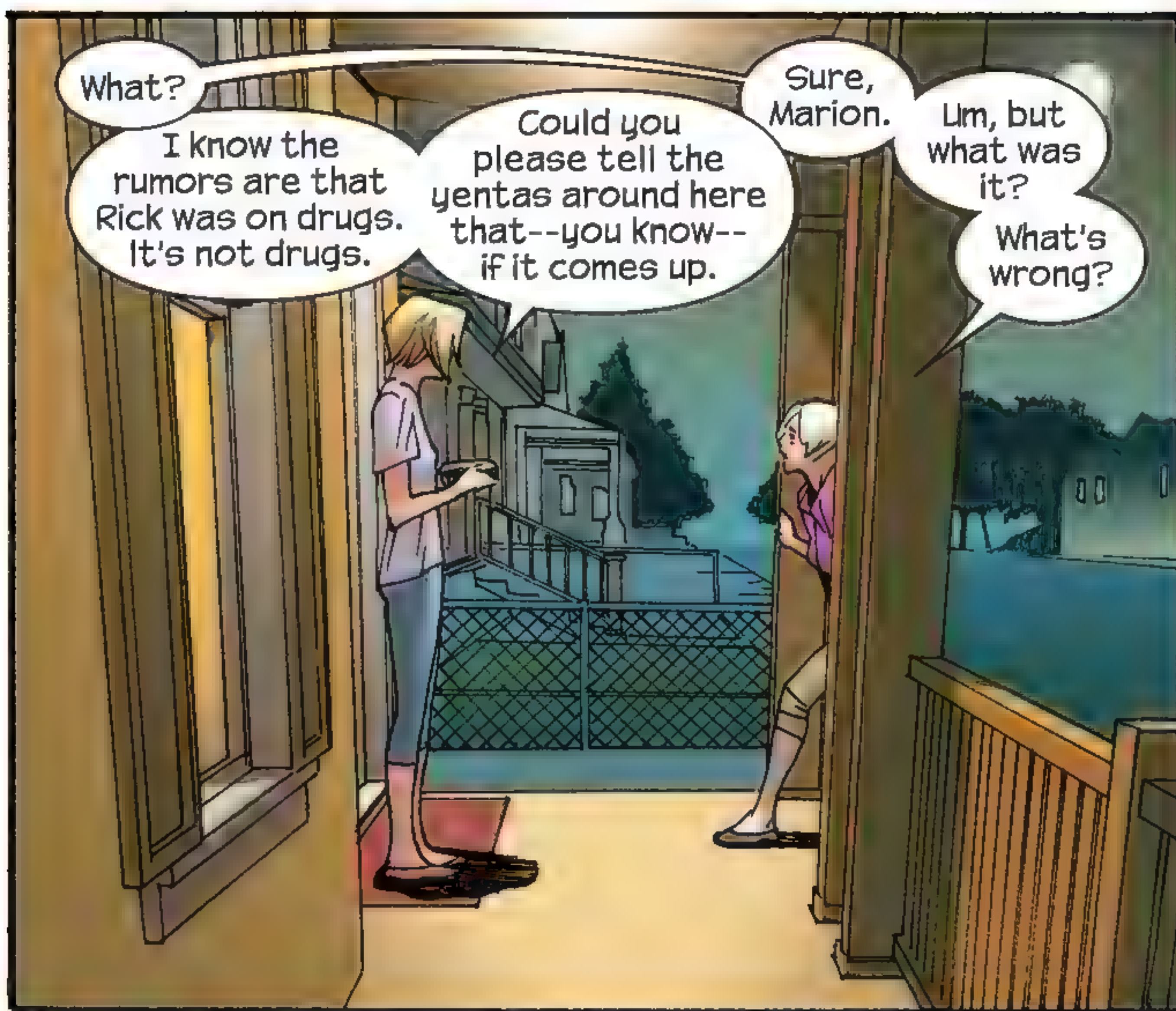
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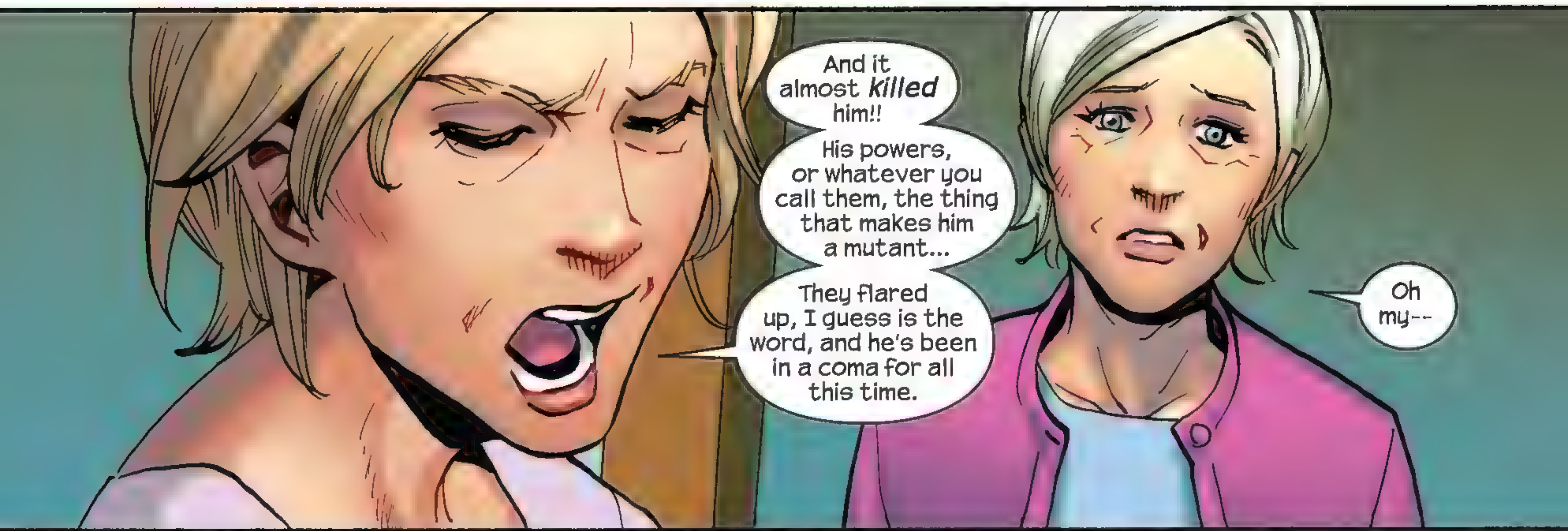












And it almost **killed** him!!

His powers, or whatever you call them, the thing that makes him a mutant...

They flared up, I guess is the word, and he's been in a coma for all this time.

Oh my--



But now he's-- they think he's okay. The doctors think he's okay. They say he's perfect. But...

He has actual powers?

I don't know.

Then, I don't understand...how do you know he's a--?

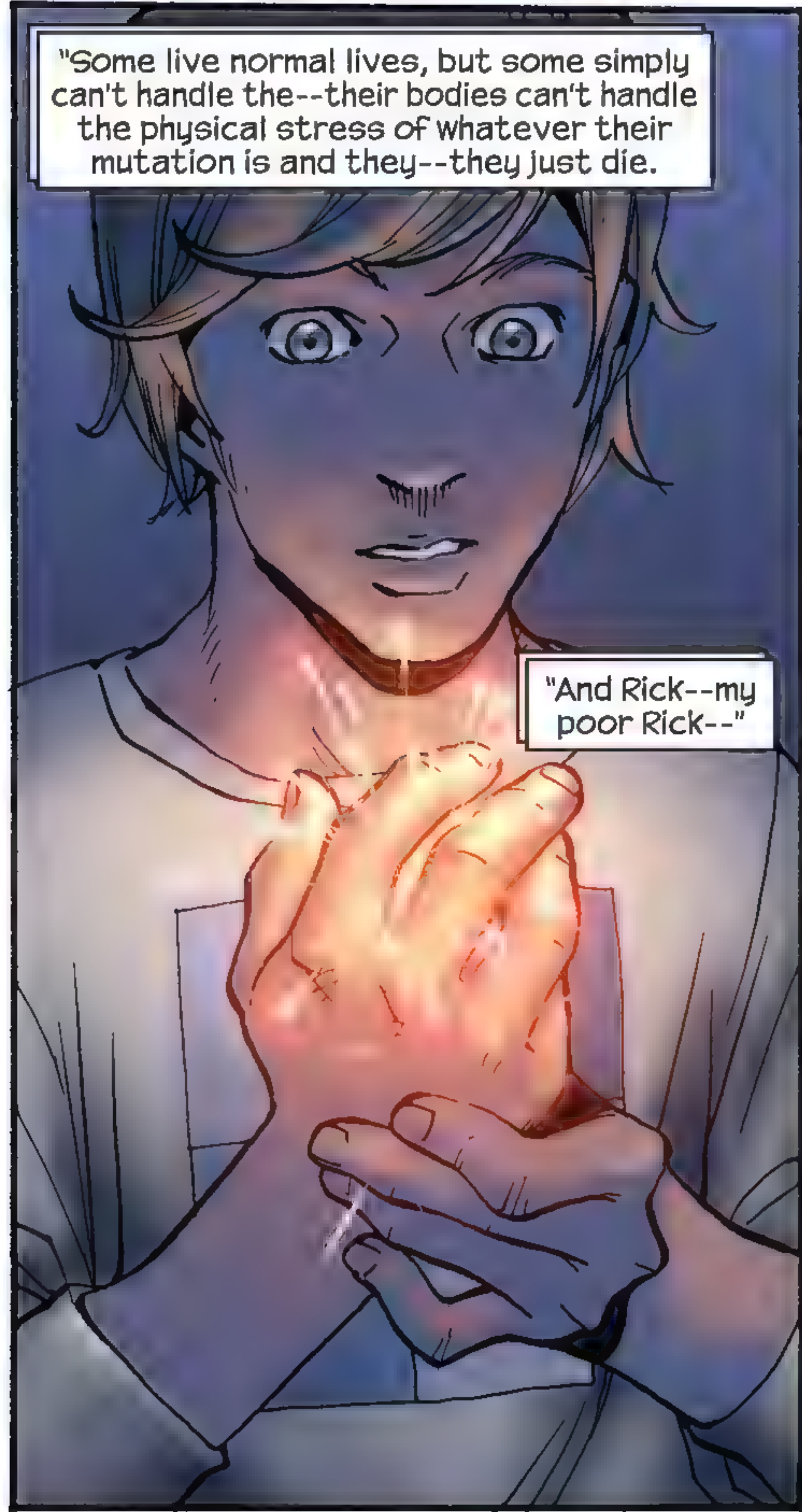


I've been studying all this for months. All these months.

Everything there is to know about mutants... I know.

Everything.

And I know not every mutant survives being a mutant.



"Some live normal lives, but some simply can't handle the--their bodies can't handle the physical stress of whatever their mutation is and they--they just die.

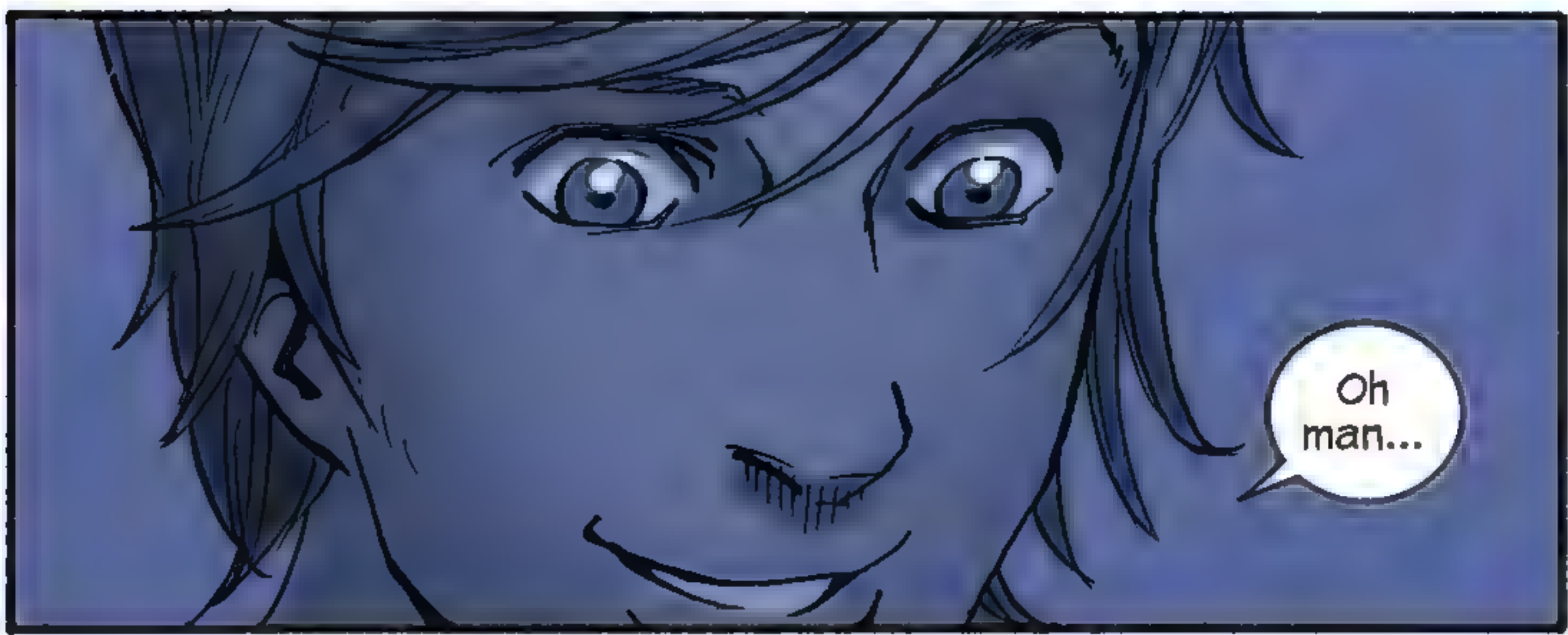
"And Rick--my poor Rick--"



Who knows what will happen next?

Did you call someone? Someone who can help.

A specialist...



Oh man...

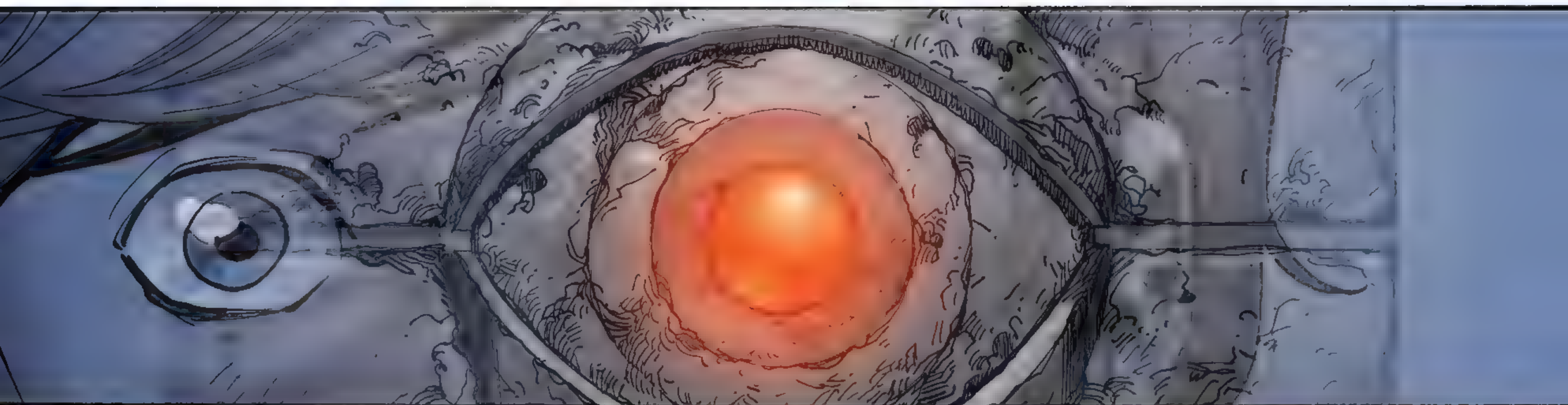


After what happened to the world??

After *all* that's happened?

They'll take my boy *away* from me. No.

No!!



We'll get by.

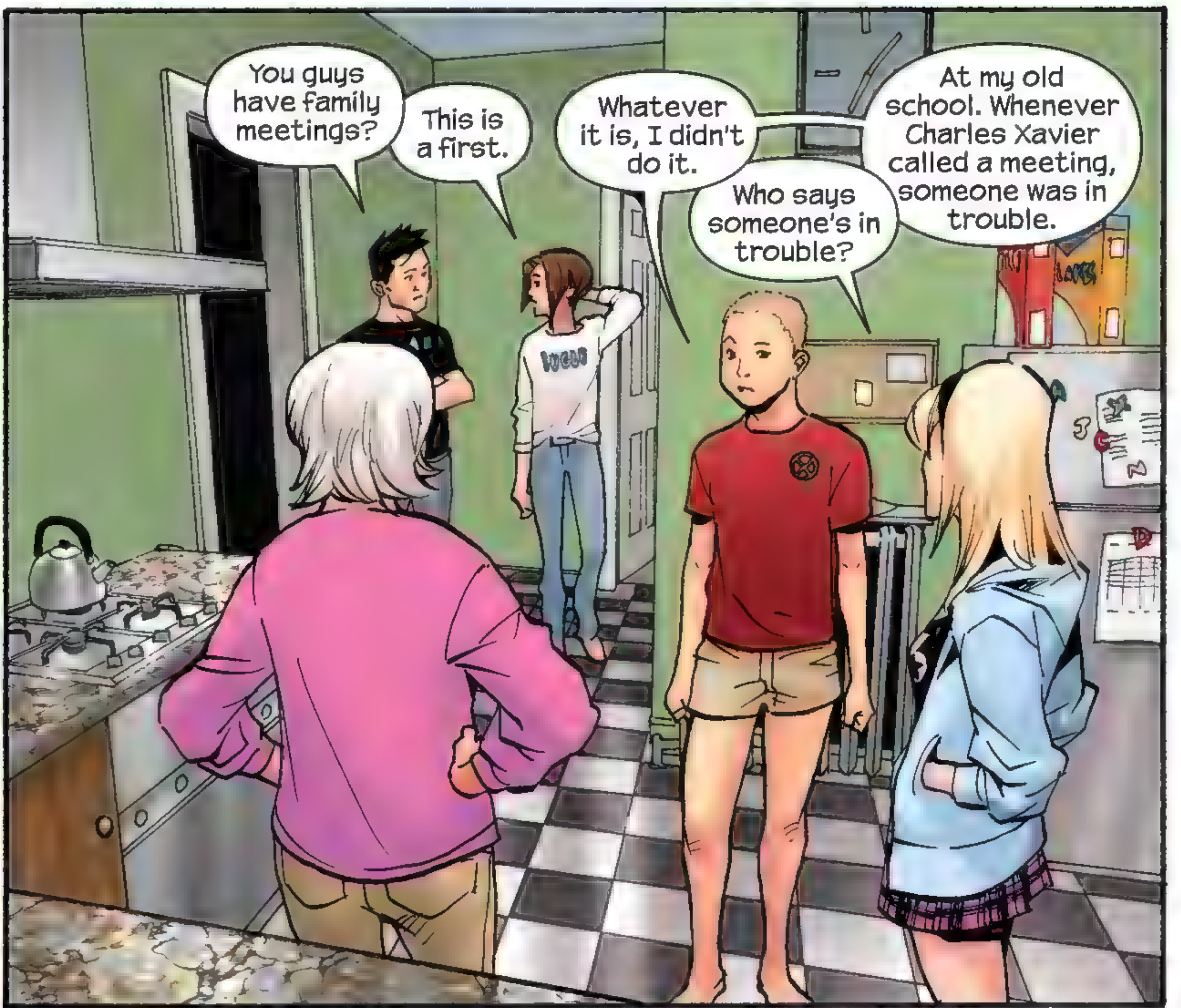
We'll figure it out.

But please don't tell anyone, May.

Please.



FAMILY MEETING!!



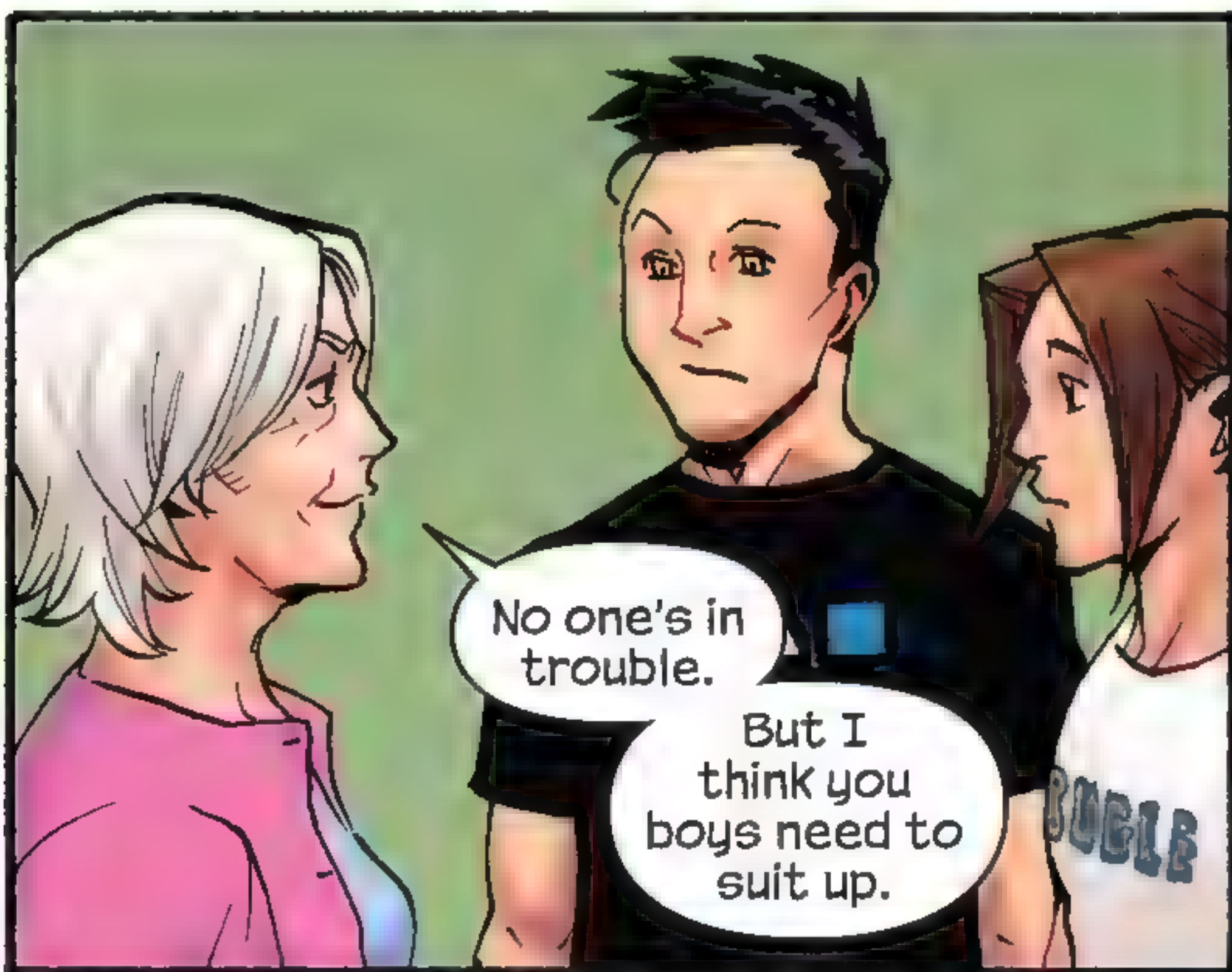
You guys have family meetings?

This is a first.

Whatever it is, I didn't do it.

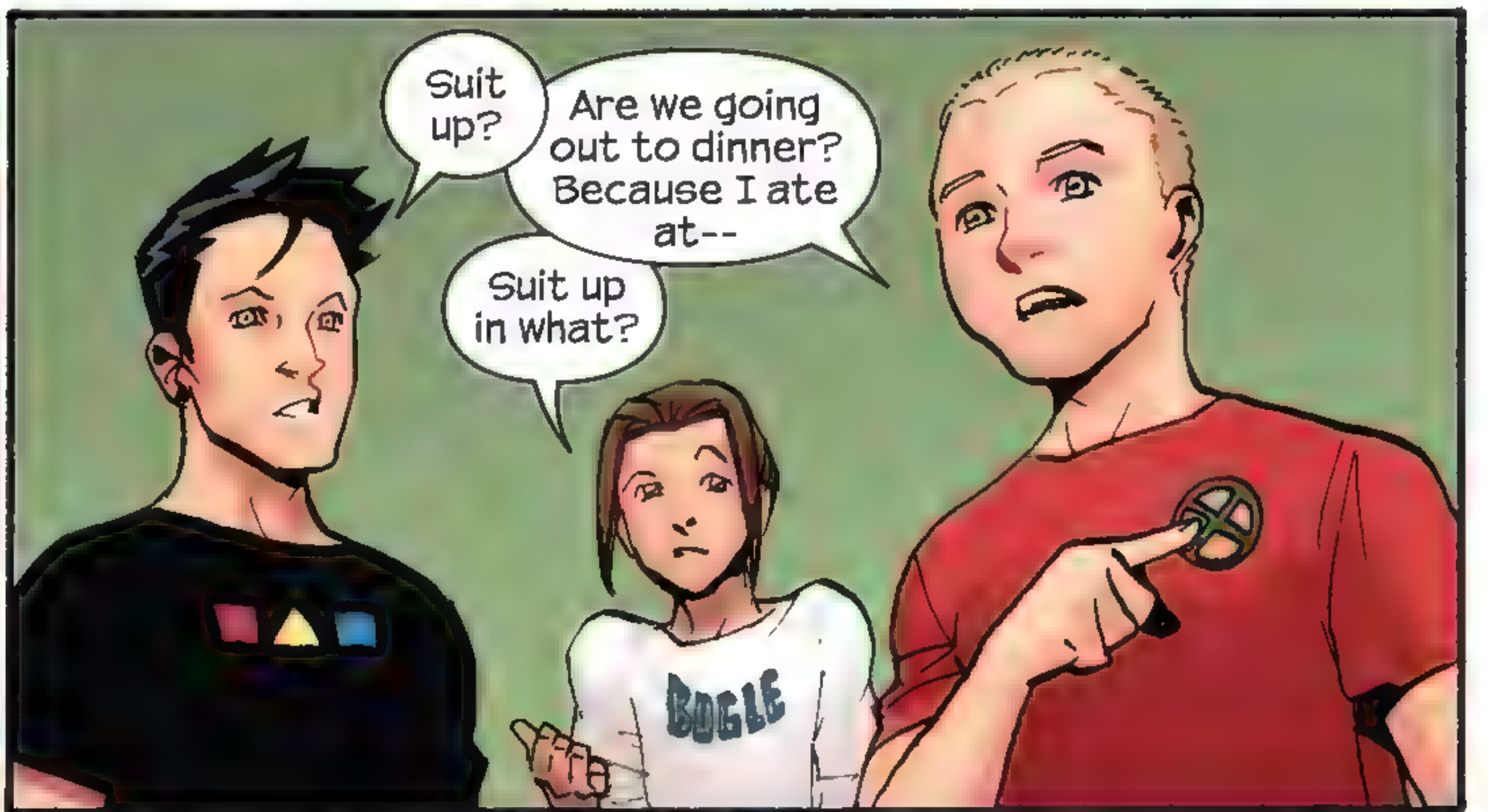
Who says someone's in trouble?

At my old school. Whenever Charles Xavier called a meeting, someone was in trouble.



No one's in trouble.

But I think you boys need to suit up.



Suit up?

Are we going out to dinner? Because I ate at--

Suit up in what?



Whatever you-- you kids call it when you put on your costumes and go be super heroes.

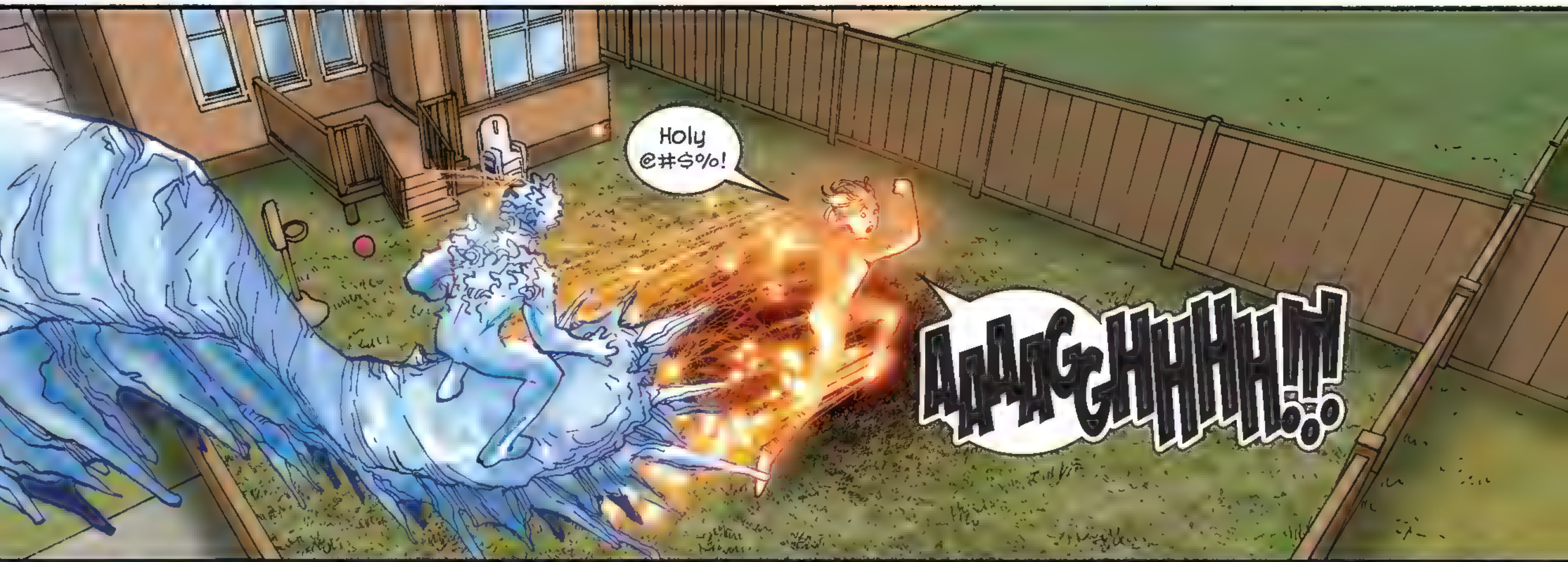
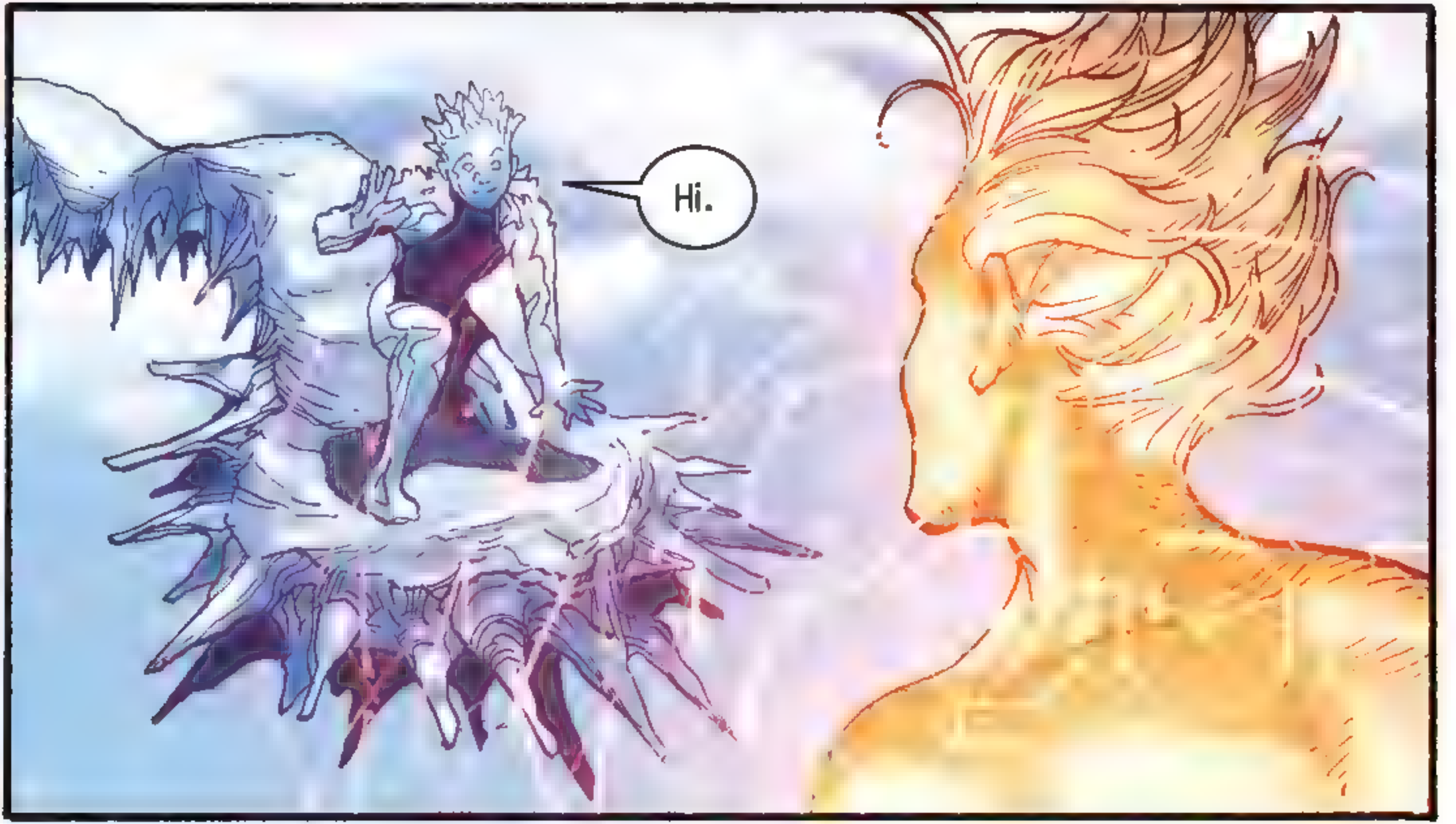
You need to do that.



You're asking us to go be super heroes.

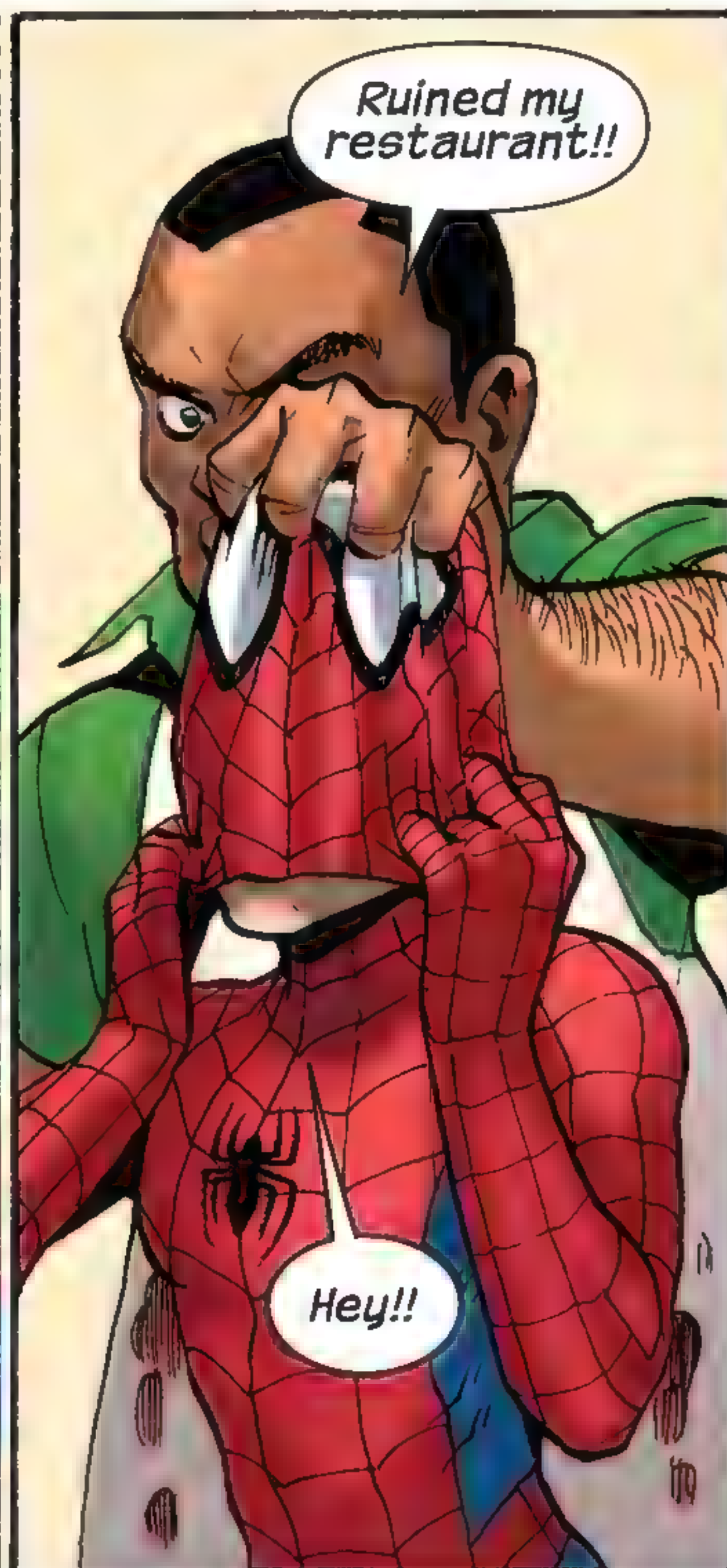
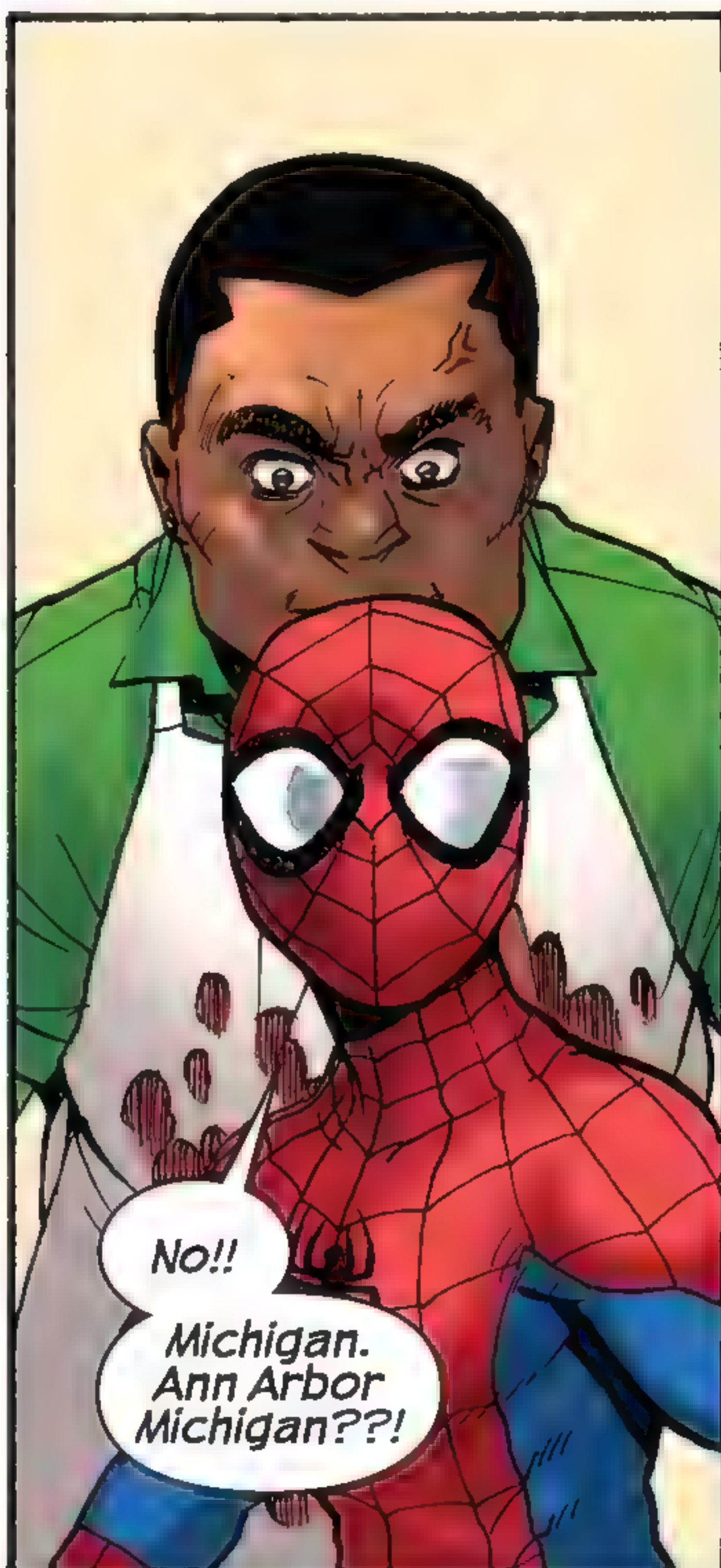
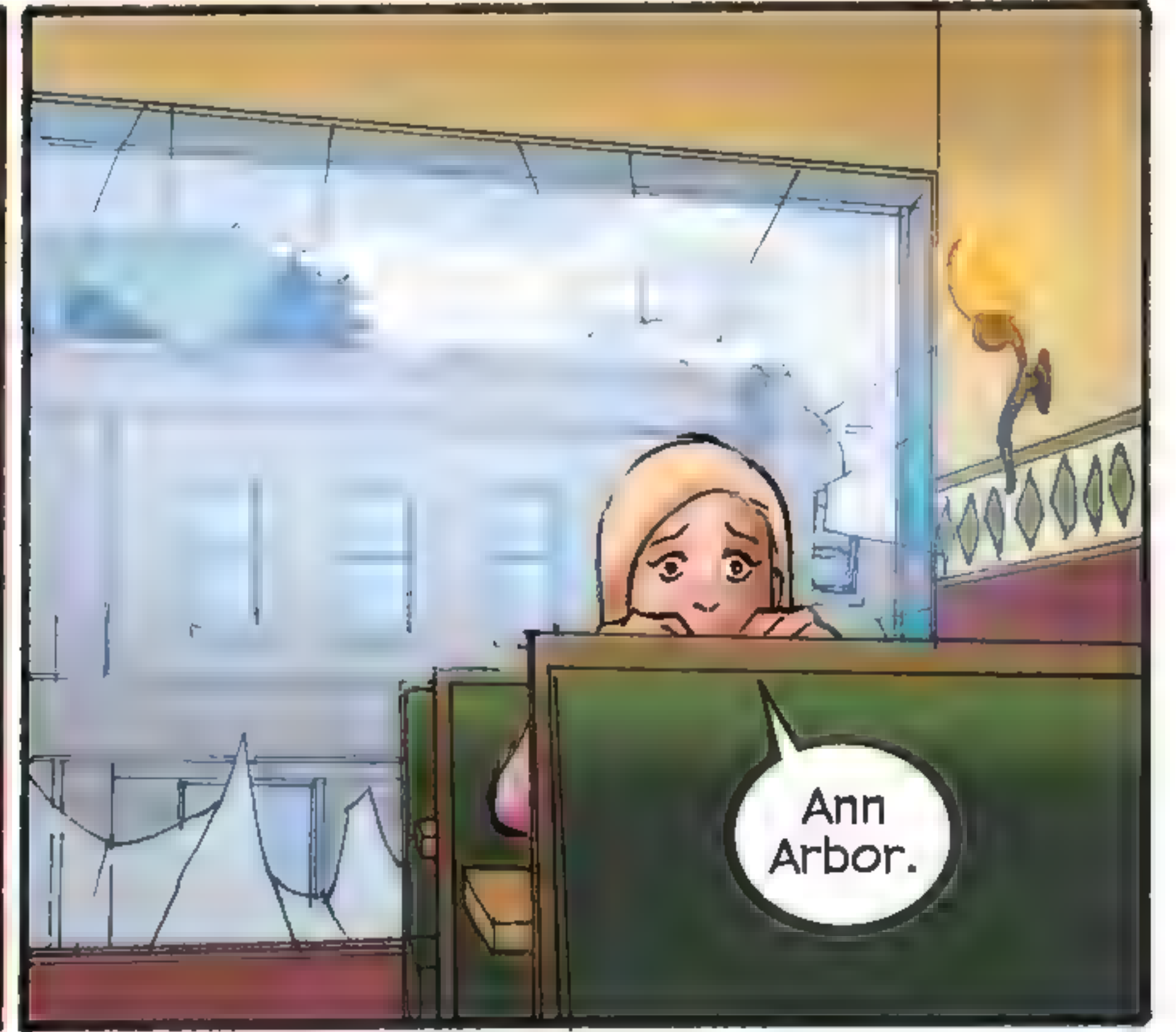
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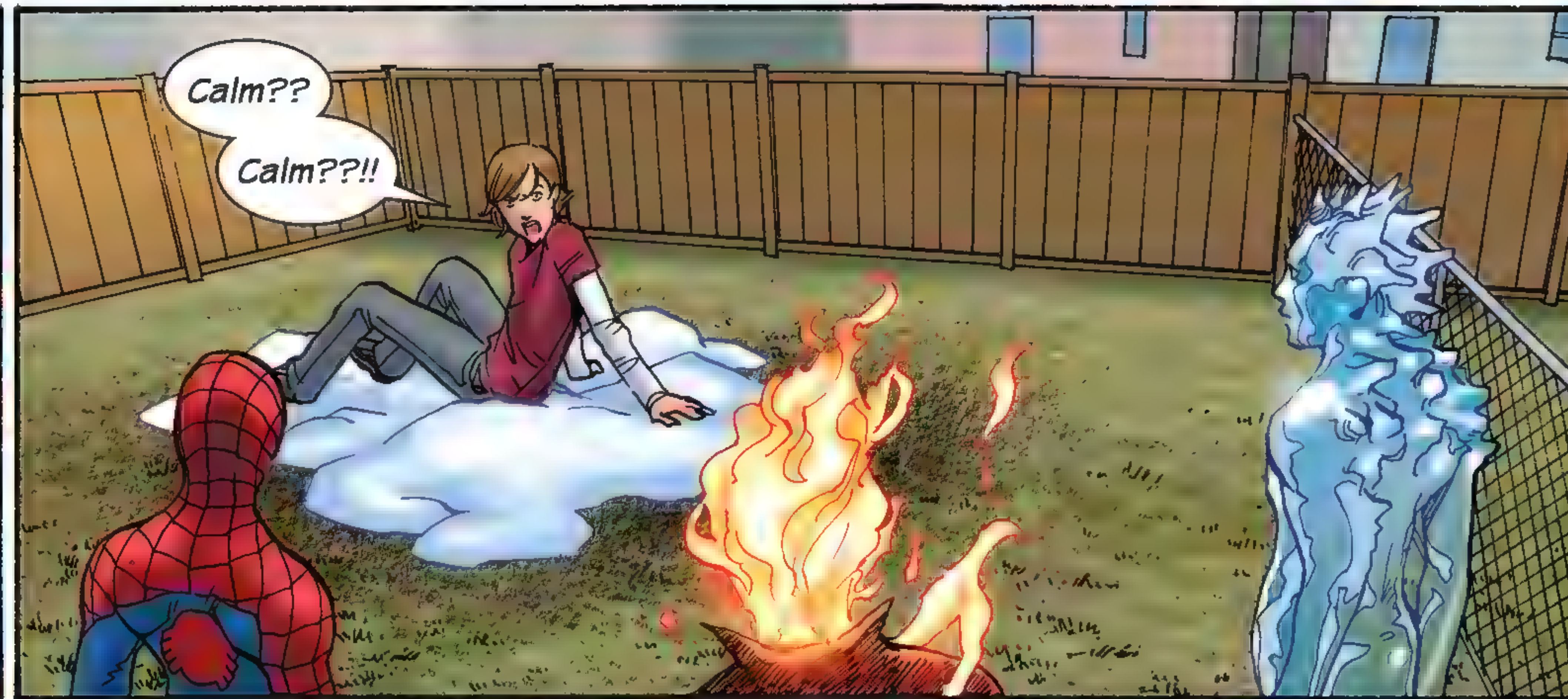


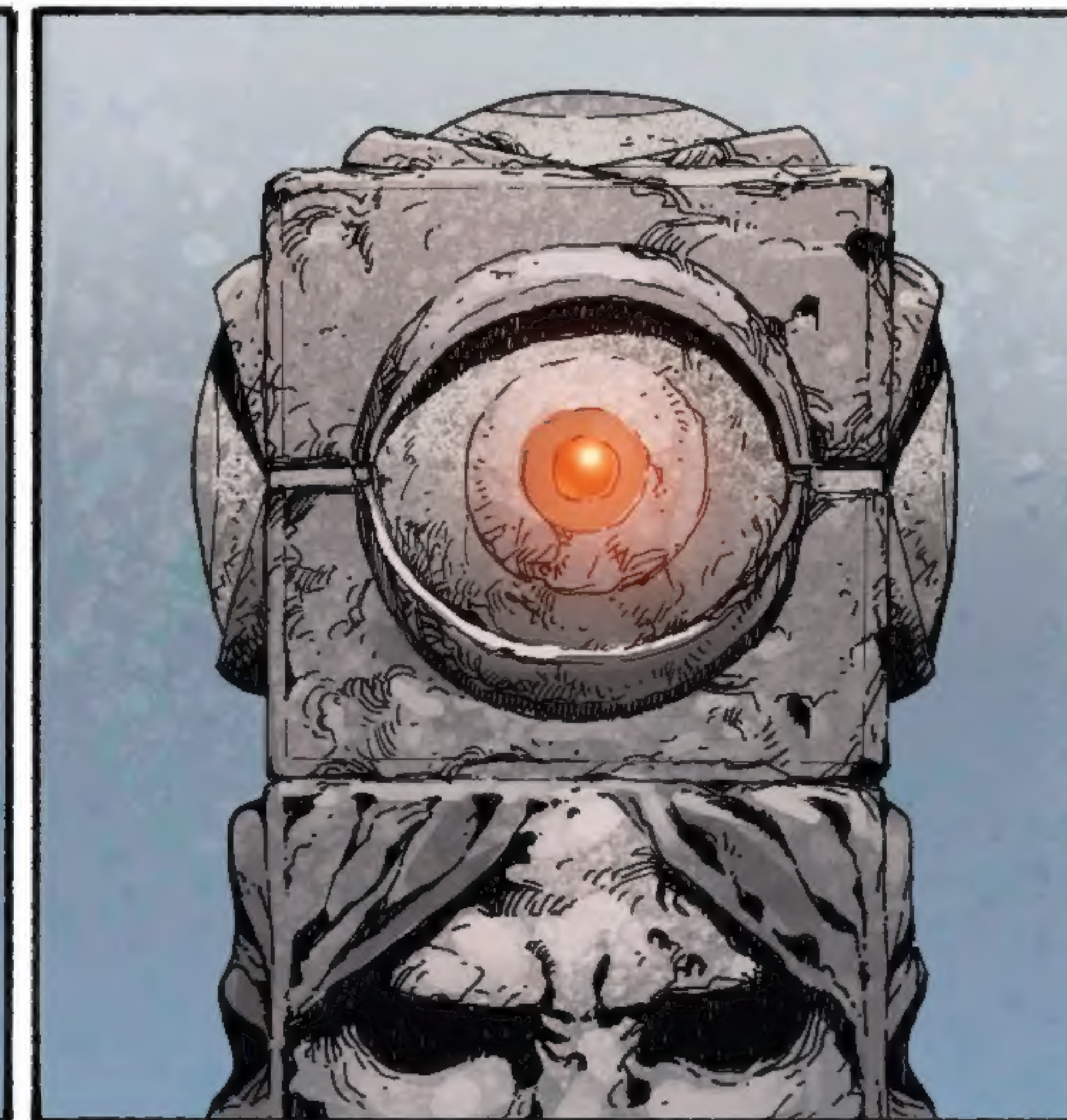
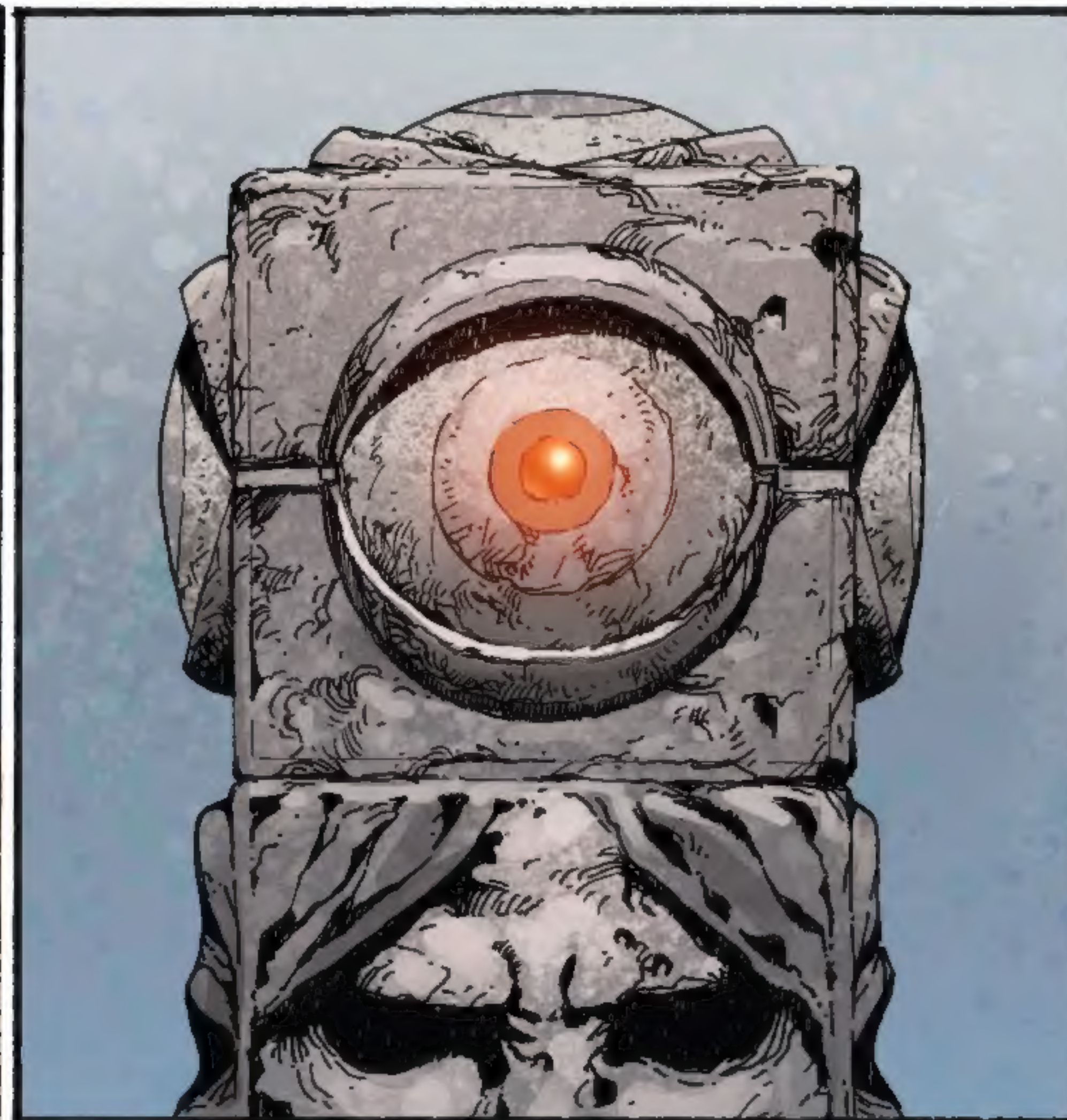
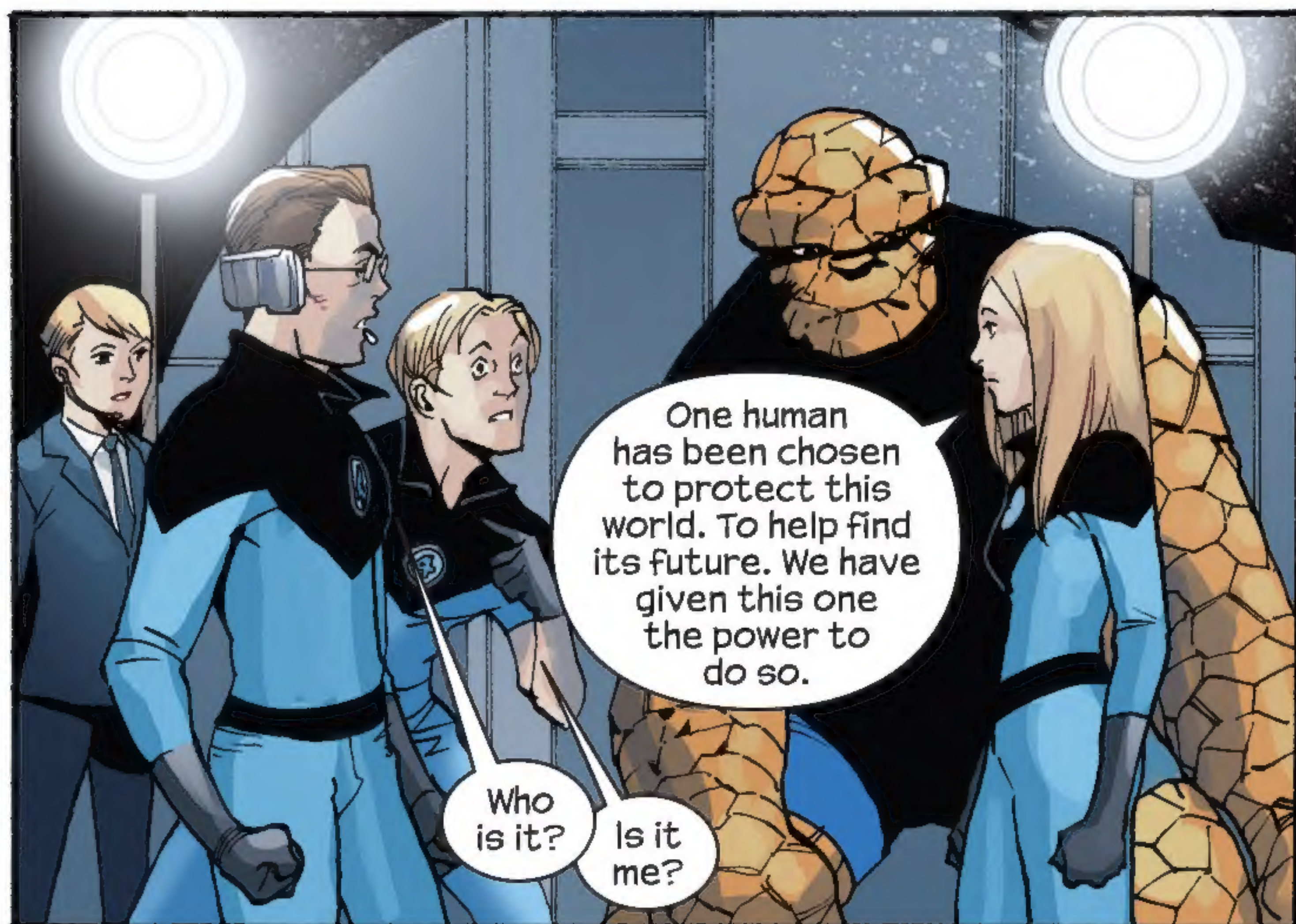
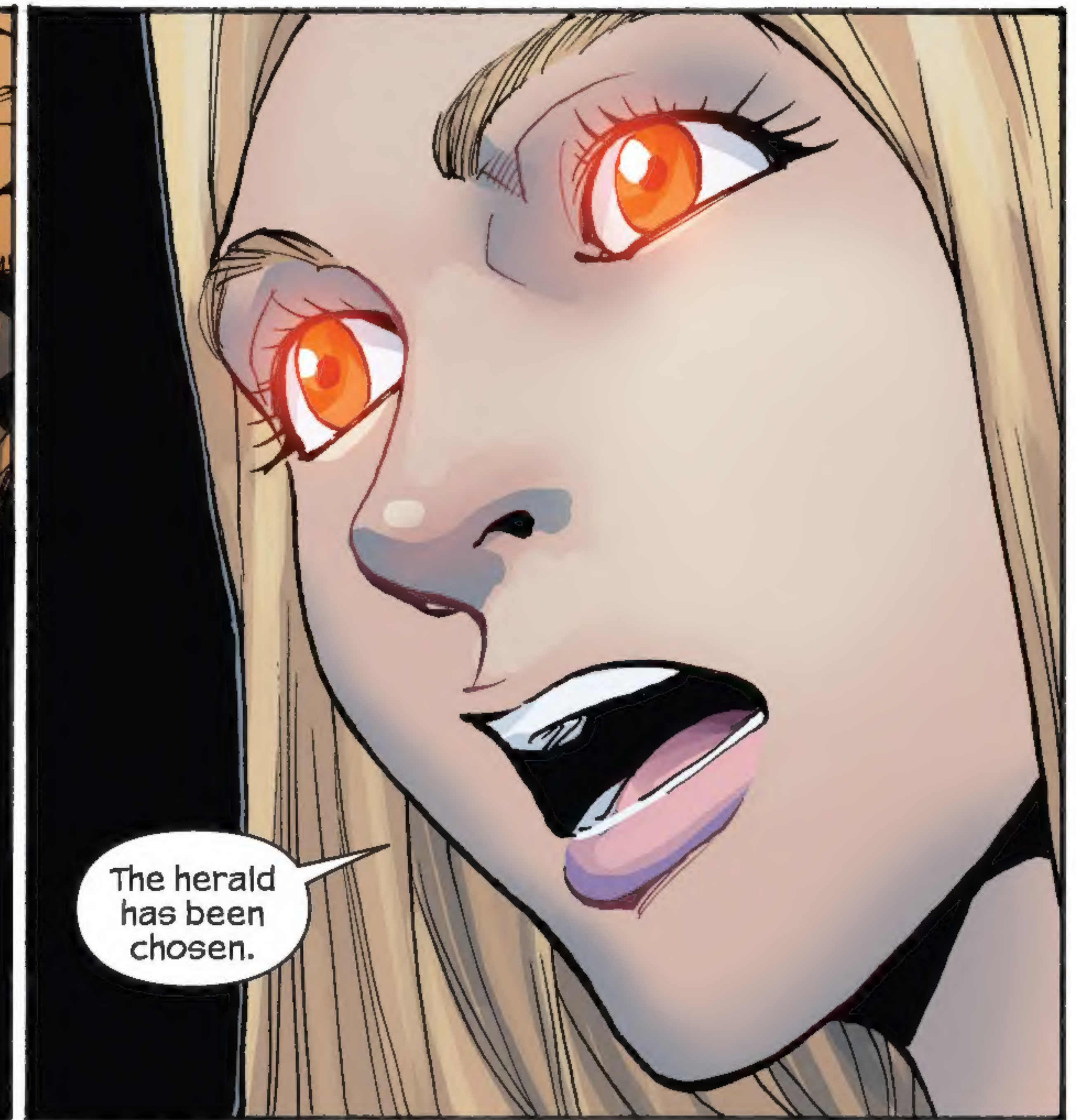
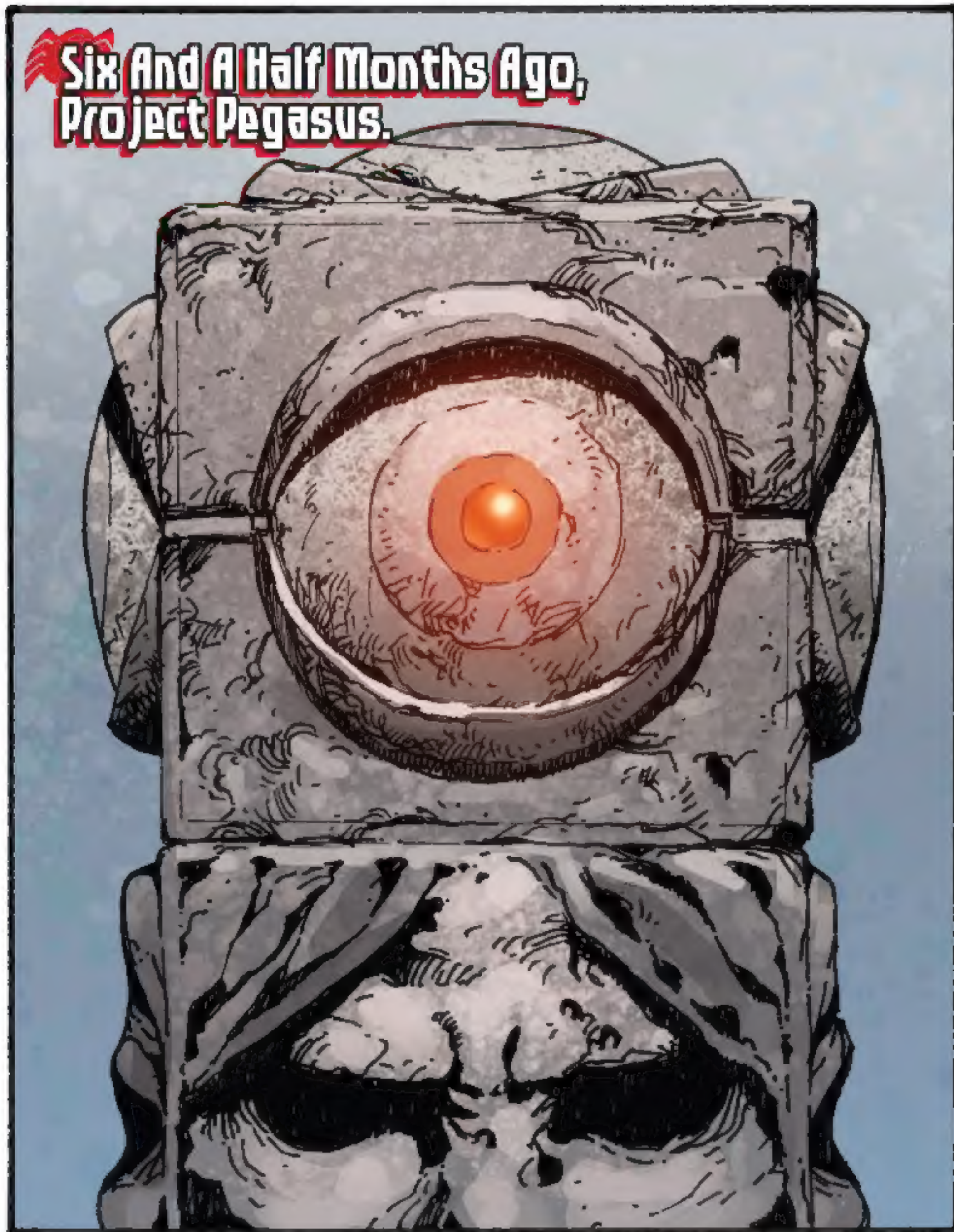












They
picked you,
Rick Jones.

The Watchers
came to Earth and
chose someone to
lead us into the
future...

It's
you.

You're
the Chosen
One.

Really?



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